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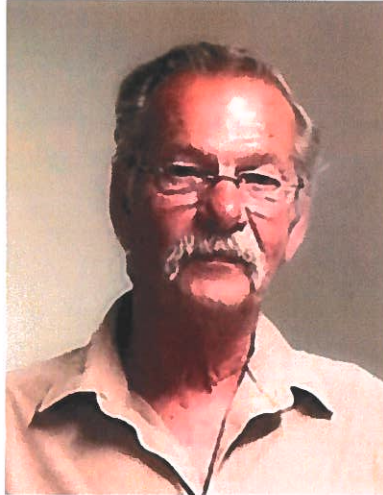
Municipal Officers

of the

Town of Searsport, Maine

Fiscal Year 2019

REPORT DEDICATION



John S. Merithew

"Jack"

We lost Jack in 2019. He was a dedicated son of Searsport. At the time of his passing he was the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He also served on several of the governance committees for the town. He was one of the chairs of the 175th Anniversary committee.

Jack was a Vietnam war veteran serving with the Navy Seabees. He served for many years on the Searsport Fire Department. He was also active with the department's auxiliary organization, Barney Hose Company.

He loved to study history. He had a real passion for the history of Searsport and the roles that Searsport men and women played the history of our nation and the world. He could often be found re-enacting history. He spent some time at Fort Knox as a civil war soldier and at the Searsport Historic Society reliving the past as Chief William O. Barney, one of Searsport founding fire department members.

Jack was a long time volunteer for the Boy Scouts in Searsport and a devout member of the Masons. He was also very engaged and supportive of the Maine Ocean School. He loved to pass along his passion for history and his love of the sea.

Jack believed in giving back to his community. He could always be found volunteering for community events. It was this community pride that led him to serving ten years on the Board of Selectmen in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He left the board for a short while because of his shift work at the Bucksport Paper Mill, returning after he was re-elected to the board in 2014. His leadership and community pride will be forever remembered and greatly missed.

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Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the "Military Widow's Tax," an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people's health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine's Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation's premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's housing needs are addressed. For Maine's roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS' Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Dear friends,

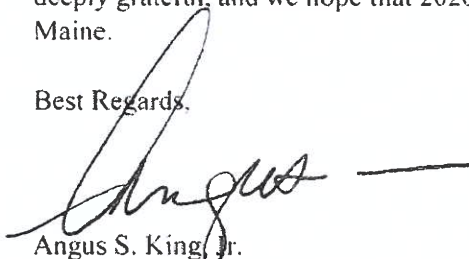
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,



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Jared Golden
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an immense honor to serve as your representative in Congress. I take very seriously the responsibility that has been placed on me, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of what I've been working on in my first year in Congress.

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

On top of working on this legislation, I have also been advocating for our district directly to administrative agencies. I have been fighting for Maine lobstermen to urge the president to intervene in proposed regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that would hurt our lobster industry. I pressed government agencies to ground their regulations in sound science and data when crafting new regulations on Maine's lobstermen. I also persuaded the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in Maine about the proposed Central Maine Power NECEC transmission line, which gave hundreds of people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the project.

Some of the most important work of members of Congress is rooted in on-the-ground constituent services. We have three offices in the district -- in Caribou, Bangor, and Lewiston -- and my staff work tirelessly to help Mainers solve problems they may face with federal government agencies. I urge you to stop by to talk to us in person and let us know how we can better serve you and your communities.

My favorite part of the job is coming home to the district and hearing about what matters to you. This year, I brought a hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure to Maine to find ways to expand access to rural broadband. I've also held open town halls and coffee hours throughout the district to hear directly from Mainers veterans, as well as roundtables to find more ways to help small businesses in Maine grow and create jobs.

As always, please continue to reach out to me and my staff if you'd like to voice an opinion, let us know about a local event, or seek any assistance with federal agencies.

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Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next three years, I will continue to do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

During my first year in office, I directed the implementation of the voter-approved Medicaid expansion, allowing over 40,000 Maine people to gain health care coverage. We added state-guaranteed protections for people with pre-existing conditions, passed a prescription drug reform package, and restored the Maine Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled program, covering an additional 1,800 seniors. And we continue to work on strategies to bring down the cost of health care for small businesses and others. I also signed an Executive Order directing my Administration to develop effective opioid prevention efforts in schools, make Narcan more available, increase medication assisted treatment, train recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

Protecting Maine's environment and tackling climate change are key priorities of my Administration. I am committed to increasing Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 80 percent by 2030; improving our modes of transportation; weatherizing homes and businesses; and reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. By embracing the green technology of the future, we will reduce the impacts of climate change, create good-paying jobs, preserve clean air and water, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

The biennial budget provided more revenue sharing, more homestead reimbursements, and more disaster assistance for towns – which all together will result in relief for property taxpayers. It invested \$115 million in education and school renovations, and we are working toward Pre-K for every 4-year-old, increasing post-high school options that result in a valued credential, and making sure that every able adult is working. Further, I, along with government agencies, small business owners, entrepreneurs, economists, and hard-working Mainers, developed a statewide economic development plan, the first in nearly 25 years. We will diversify our economy, empower innovators, and attract young, talented people to live, work, and raise their families here in Maine.

It is time for new, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, healthy people, and prosperous communities.

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends and Residents of Searsport,

I serve in the Maine Senate to break down barriers to success in Waldo County. Last year, we made progress on the issues that impact Mainers every day: Property tax relief; access to reliable, high-speed internet; local training for local jobs; support for our veterans and first responders; access to affordable health care; and prescription drug costs.

We passed a bipartisan budget that provides \$130 million in property tax relief without raising taxes. That includes a new program to provide a check for at least \$100 to every household that qualified for the Homestead Exemption by April 1, 2019.

The budget also includes \$4 million to expand access to reliable, high-speed internet and \$2.5 million for career and technical education. This year, I am introducing a bill for \$15 million to expand internet access and another for \$4 million to fund career and technical education.

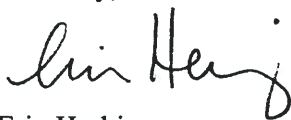
Maine will now join several other states in allowing police officers who have served in the military to wear veterans' insignia on their uniforms. This change, which I sponsored, will recognize veterans when they come home and help them better connect with other veterans in their communities.

We also worked to make health care more affordable and more accessible. We passed laws to require insurance companies to cover hearing aids, protect coverage for those with preexisting conditions and lower prescription drug costs.

These are just the highlights. We made significant strides, but there is still a lot to do. In Augusta this year, I will keep working to ensure a promising future for our kids. Please never hesitate to reach out to me at (207) 287-1515 or Erin.Herbig@legislature.maine.gov.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this year!

Sincerely,



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Spring 2020

Dear Searsport neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Searsport in the 129th Legislature. It is an honor to represent our community in the halls of Augusta.

The second regular legislative session is now underway and should adjourn by mid-April. Our work during the so-called "short session" is generally limited to bills carried over from the previous session and bills deemed urgent by legislative leadership. During the next several months, we will consider more than 650 bills.

Our top priorities will include working to ensure prescription drugs are affordable, making opioid recovery services available throughout the state, upgrading Maine's career and technical education and continuing to invest in Maine's greatest natural resource, our environment.

This session I am particularly excited to co-sponsor Sen. Erin Herbig's bill, LD 2020, An Act to Strengthen Maritime Education. The bill has been in the works since this summer when Sen. Herbig and I worked with the Maine Ocean School and our colleagues in the Legislature to pass a measure in the special session that would allow the school to remain open through the upcoming school year. The bill, LD 1849, was a temporary fix to a bigger problem. LD 2020 seeks to put in place a more permanent solution so that the school can continue to serve the students of Searsport. I intend to see that the Maine Ocean School in Searsport receives the necessary support from us in Augusta so that it remains an essential part of Maine's maritime economy.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

I am able to best serve the needs of our community when I hear directly from you, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding state government. I can be reached by email at Scott.Cuddy@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

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Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the citizens of our great County. We want to thank the members of the public for their continued support. We are a full service Sheriff's Office providing Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civil Paperwork Service to folks who live, work and visit Waldo County.

Some highlights of 2019 included the use of body cameras for the Patrol Deputies. The body cameras are enhancing our accountability to the public, evidence collection and our ability to critique deputy performance. In the Corrections Division, we entered into an inmate boarding contract with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, saving \$170,000 in the first year. We also increased our collaboration with the Knox County Sheriff's Office by sharing our Jail Administrator saving additional taxpayer funds in both Counties.

Our patrol division handled 8,376 calls for service in 2019. These calls included all types of incidents from murders, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. The drug abuse epidemic continues to ravage our citizens and cause much of the crime in our county. The patrol division also conducted 2,056 traffic stops throughout the county in an effort to increase traffic safety on our roads and highways.

Our Corrections Division continues to excel in the operation of the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center serving 62 residents in 2019. These are men who were nearing the end of their term of incarceration. Our many programs assist them with their integration back into society as productive and contributing citizens. During their stay at the re-entry center, residents provided 10,053 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated

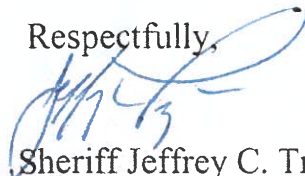
to \$110,585 in free labor to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 153,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries and those in need from the County's Garden Project overseen by Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey. The residents also paid \$29,105 in room and board to the County.

The 72 hour holding and booking facility processed 727 persons who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County. If a person who has been arrested cannot make bail within 72 hours, he or she has to be transported to the Somerset County Jail in East Madison by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at Somerset was 22 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 387 transports with our transport division, traveling more than 67,444 miles in 2019.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,840 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2019.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2019. We look forward to a safe and productive 2020.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Jeffrey C. Trafton



Waldo County Sheriff's Office

Total Number of Searsport Complaints in 2019 Received, by Nature of Call

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Disconnect	7	5.26
911 Misdialed	2	1.50
Agency Assistance	11	8.27
Alarm	5	3.76
Animal Problem - Law Assigned	1	0.75
Assault	1	0.75
off road motorized vehicle	1	0.75
Be On Lookout	1	0.75
Accident Car Deer	2	1.50
Civil Complaint	2	1.50
Counterfeit Money	1	0.75
Criminal Mischief	2	1.50
Criminal Trespass	1	0.75
K-9 Detail	2	1.50
Miscellaneous Detail	3	2.26
Detail Parade	2	1.50
Disturbance	5	3.76
Domestic Disturbance	10	7.52
Found Property	1	0.75
Fuel Drive Off	1	0.75
Harassment	1	0.75
Identity Theft	1	0.75
Information Report	3	2.26
Intoxicated Person	2	1.50
Juvenile Problem	2	1.50
Medical Emergency EMD	5	3.76
Mental Medical	5	3.76
Missing Person	2	1.50
Motorist Assist	1	0.75
Motor Vehicle Complaint	8	6.02
Odor	1	0.75
Paperwork Service	6	4.51
Traffic Accident with Damage	3	2.26
Traffic Accident with Injuries	2	1.50
Public Assist	2	1.50
Rape	1	0.75
Search Warrant	1	0.75
Service PO	2	1.50
Suspicious Person, Circumstance	1	0.75
Theft	3	2.26
Threatening	1	0.75
Traffic Violation	5	3.76
Violation Conditional Release	1	0.75
Wanted Person	5	3.76

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Welfare Check	8	6.02

Total reported: 133

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #20

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February 24, 2020

Dear Citizens of Searsport and Stockton Springs,

First and foremost, as we conclude our fifth year as Regional School Unit # 20, the Board of Directors, administration and staff want to express our sincere gratitude for your support and the support of our children's educational programs.

RSU #20 has completed the energy savings conservation work at the schools. The Searsport Elementary School's boiler has been replaced with a propane boiler and the domestic water heater has been replaced as well. The air exchange system has been renovated and provides ventilation and air exchange to the elementary building. The lights have been replaced and converted with energy savings lighting. The middle and high school buildings have new air exchange systems as well as the lighting conversions. In addition, the high school's Bailey Section has had the windows replaced and both buildings' heating systems have been upgraded to improve efficiency. All three buildings have had the automation systems upgraded and updated with technological systems. The final phase of the roofing project will be conducted in the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, thus completing the buildings' envelopes.

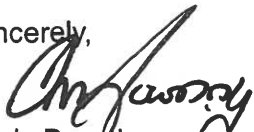
We have begun preparing our 2020 - 2021 budget and will adhere to a team approach: RSU # 20 (Searsport and Stockton Springs) will work together to provide an education that provides the best for all students.

We will again be faced with challenges: (a) limited state funding, (b) increased financial commitments, (c) budgetary constraints, and (d) assessments to towns and in turn, taxpayers. We will need to face and answer the challenges in order to provide the education our students deserve while balancing the needs of our taxpayers. Together, we will maintain our focus and make decisions within the framework of the budget process based foremost on education.

Throughout the budget process, RSU # 20 will provide information to the citizens of Searsport and Stockton Springs in order for you to make informed decisions. Current budget information will be posted on our website at www.rsu20.org or our Facebook page, as well as dates of Board workshops, Board meetings, and informational meeting. Information from local, state, and federal resources will also be available from the RSU # 20 Board, administration and staff.

Thank you for your continued support for the students of Searsport and Stockton Springs.

Sincerely,



Chris Downing
Superintendent of Schools, RSU # 20



A public magnet high school for marine science, technology, transportation, and engineering

Dear Residents of Searsport,

The Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering was established by the 127th Maine Legislature in 2015 with the passage of LD 1277. The broad goals of the school were laid out. They included the philosophy, core content areas, marine tracks, courses and additional programs, along with the school year calendar, admissions process, and a strategy to open in Fall 2018. In addition, this plan included details about our many partner organizations, and details of our 501(c) Foundation. Our mission and vision further capture our philosophical and now operationalized essence:

Mission

Our mission is to provide a theme-based high school education focused on Maine's maritime connection, with an emphasis on leadership, work ethic, and the transferable skills associated with careers involving the ocean.

Vision

Our vision is for Maine Ocean School to provide an ocean-related, theme-based education designed to actively engage and challenge its students. Graduates will be valued for their strong work ethic, knowledge, experience, and leadership capabilities. Maine Ocean School will stay on the leading edge of innovative technologies and teaching strategies and help support learning in our communities.

The plan was accepted by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The School statute was amended on 12 July 2017 to apply the charter school formula to provide funding to open the doors in Fall 2018.

As the 2019-2020 academic year is underway and the Maine Ocean School opened for its second academic year we are excited to report on the activities from the first academic year, 2018-2019. The inaugural year of the school was implemented with the same entrepreneurial spirit on which it was conceived. The thousands of hours of work and common vision that was put into the original Program Plan was mirrored in year 1 with partners' continued involvement, providing expertise and passion for the good of the brave inaugural class and their families.

This ocean-focused magnet school represents the core of Maine. Maine's maritime heritage makes this school an important asset to the State. Even more, our

waterways hold vast resources, opportunities, and emerging technologies, offering Maine's youth an opportunity to stay in Maine (or the option to return). The school represents a step toward more students excelling in high school and beyond.

The vision that went into the Program Plan was used to guide the Maine Ocean School's first teachers. The ocean-theme was implemented throughout the year to provide our students an engaging learning experience. All but one student returned to the school in year 2. First year students were exposed to career options they can pursue post high school, whether they enter the workforce or go on to higher education (or both!). Our students are well on their way to understanding that careers both on and near the waters of the globe are within their grasp.

We are excited that this school, created and vetted by Maine scientists, public school teachers and administrators, shipmasters and engineers, college students and professors, concerned parents and grandparents is now being realized by Maine's youth. We have implemented the first year of this vision and have an amazing opportunity to continue realizing its potential. This school provides an opportunity to remind our children that the harbors of Maine, their harbors, are connected to all the ports of the world. This is a great opportunity for our kids to follow their dreams. Thank you for efforts in helping turn this dream of working on the water into the reality of rewarding careers. Thank you for working for our Maine kids.



Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Gayle Zydlewski in blue ink.

Gayle Zydlewski
Chair, Board of Trustees
University of Maine designee

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

Spirit of America Award

2020

Jayne Snowdale

Searsport Spirit of America

Honor Roll

2011 – Searsport Animal Fund Endowment (SAFE)

2012 – Searsport Beautification Committee

2013 – William Terry

2014 – Bob Ramsdell

2015 – Don and Faith Garrold

2016 – George Kerper

2017 – Almond “Bud” Rivers

2018 – Sandra Otis-Anderson

2019 – Ralph & Joyce Harvey

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME in 1990 to honor volunteerism.

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service.

Since Alma Jones received the first Spirit of America award from Augusta Mayor William Burney in November 26, 1991, the tribute has been presented in over 400 ceremonies.

Searsport has participated in the Spirit of America Award Recognitions since 2001 in an effort to recognize the many people and organizations that give so much of themselves back to our community.

2020 HOLIDAY & CLOSURE SCHEDULE

Wednesday January 1st	New Year's Day
Monday January 20th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday February 17th	President's Day
Monday April 20th	Patriot's Day
Monday May 25th	Memorial Day
Friday July 3rd	Independence Day Observed
Monday September 7th	Labor Day
Monday October 12th	Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday Nov. 11th	Veteran's Day
Thursday November 26th	Thanksgiving Day
Friday November 27th	Thanksgiving Friday
Friday Dec. 25th	Christmas Day

***EMERGENCY & STORM CLOSURES WILL BE POSTED ON CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 7
AS WELL AS MAJOR NEWS NETWORKS.***

TRANSFER STATION:

The Transfer Station is closed during the above Holidays.

Hours of Operation:

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You will need a Transfer Station Permit for each vehicle entering the Transfer Station. There is no charge for vehicle permits and they can be picked up at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Please see the Recycling and Trash Disposal Pamphlet (available at the Town Office and on the Town Website) **for current regulations and costs. Each 30 gallon bag must have a trash sticker. These stickers cost one dollar each and are available at the Town Office, Tozier's and Steamboat Market.**

THERE WILL BE **NO** DEPOSITING OF REFUSE AT THE TRANSFER STATION AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN THOSE HOURS LISTED ABOVE.

2020 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 1st	Fiscal Year Begins.
February 1st	Late Fees Begin For Dog Licenses.
March 3rd	Presidential Primary/Special Referendum Election and Annual Municipal Elections at the Public Safety Building 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
March 7th	Annual Town Meeting at Union Hall 9:00 a.m.
April 1st	All property, both Real and Personal, assessed to owner of record <u>as of April 1st</u> . Owners must bring in a list of property to the Assessor to be eligible to make a claim for abatement.
June 30th	Re-register Snowmobiles and ATV's.
July 28th - 31st	Tax Bills mailed out at the end of July.
September 3rd	Taxes are due and payable.
October 8th	Interest begins to accrue on all unpaid Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.
October 15th	New tags available for upcoming year Dog Licenses.
December 1st	New Hunting Fishing Licenses available for upcoming year.
December 31st	Fiscal Year ends.

2020 Town Staff

James S. Gillway	.....	Town Manager
Deborah Plourde	.....	Town Clerk
Joanne Moulton	.....	Deputy Clerk
Wendy Rogers	.....	PT Deputy Clerk
Harriet Clark	.....	Tax Assessor
Linda Patterson	.....	Bookkeeper
Todd Boisvert	.....	Chief of Police
Mike Rollerson	.....	Police Sargent
Greg Jones	.....	Patrol Officer
Chris McCrillis	.....	RSU 20 Resource Officer
Andrew Webster	.....	Fire Chief
Almon Rivers	.....	Emergency Management Director
Adrian Stone	.....	Ambulance Director
Robert Seekins	.....	Public Works Director
Mike Kinney	.....	Public Works Crew
Rick Lanphier	.....	Public Works Crew
Adam Lockhart	.....	Public Works / Physical Plant
Dan Sylvester	.....	Transfer Station Operator
Dan Knox	.....	Asst. Transfer Station Operator
Susan McClintock	.....	Library Director
Rhonda Nichols	.....	PT Assistant Librarian
Will Polari	.....	PT Assistant Librarian
Sarah Greene	.....	PT Assistant Librarian
Howard Clark	.....	Wastewater Chief Operator
Dan Smith	.....	Wastewater Operator
Randolph Hall	.....	Code Enforcement Officer
Wayne Hamilton	.....	Harbormaster
Travis Otis	.....	Assistant Harbormaster
David Walsh	.....	Health Officer
David Walsh	.....	PT Rec. Director / Gen. Assistance
Arthur Koch, Jr.	.....	Animal Control Officer
Almon Rivers	.....	Assistant Animal Control Officer

Board of Selectmen

Richard Desmarais, Chair	.....	Term Expires 2020
Mark Bradstreet	.....	Term Expires 2022
Douglas Norman	.....	Term Expires 2021
Linda Payson	.....	Term Expires 2021
OPEN	.....	Term Expires 2023

2020 TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (Police/Fire/Ambulance).....911

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWN OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH.

North Fire Station.....	548-6262
Ambulance/Fire (Non-Emergency).....	548-2302
Police (Non-Emergency).....	548-2304
Waldo County Communications (Pub. Safety Non-emergency).....	338-2040
Town Garage.....	548-2301
Carver Memorial Library.....	548-2303
Wastewater Treatment Plant.....	548-6320
Town Office.....	548-6372
Town Manager.....	Ext. 106
Town Clerk.....	Ext. 100
Deputy Clerk.....	Ext. 101
Bookkeeper.....	Ext. 102
Code Enforcement.....	Ext. 104
Assessor.....	Ext. 103

Town Office Fax.....548-2305

Town Address and Wastewater Billing:

**1 Union Street
P.O. Box 499
Searsport, ME 04974-0499**

Town Office Hours:

Monday through Friday.....8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Town E-mail Addresses:

Town Manager (James Gillway)
manager@searsport.maine.gov
Deputy Clerk (Joanne Moulton)
searsportdeputy@roadrunner.com
Bookkeeper (Linda Mae Patterson)
searsportfinance@roadrunner.com

Town Clerk (Deborah Plourde)
searsportclerk@roadrunner.com
Tax Assessor (Harriet Clark)
assessor@searsport.maine.gov
Code Enforcement (Randolph Hall)
enforcementofficer@roadrunner.com

The Town has a website at searsport.maine.gov.

This site has important town information such as: ordinances, directions, information on events and meetings, and contact information. Please log in to see all that the website has to offer.

R.S.U. #20 Board of Directors

Joshua McFarlin..... Term Expires 2022
Ruth Southworth..... Term Expires 2020
Tony Bagley..... Term Expires 2021

Regional School Unit #20:

6 Mortland Road
Searsport, ME 04974
(207) 548-6643

RSU#20 Searsport Area School Telephone Numbers:

Searsport High School..... 548-2313
Searsport Middle School.....548-2311
Searsport Elementary School.....548-2317

Searsport Water District:

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Employees</u>
William Shorey, Chairman	Brenda Corbin, Office Mgr.
Bruce Mills, Treasurer	Timothy Wilson, Service Foreman
Larry Clark, Clerk	Harold Porter, Service Technician
	Kyle Benson, Office Assistant
	Herb Kronholm, Superintendent

Phone: (207) 548-2910

Fax: (207) 548-6719

e-mail: info@searsportwater.org

Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In case of an emergency during non-business hours please call the
Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398

Boards & Committee Chairs

Planning Board

George Kerper.....Term Expires 2024

Board of Appeals

John Moran.....Term Expires 2021

Board of Assessment Review

George Kerper.....Term Expires 2022

Comprehensive Planning Committee

George Kerper.....Term Expires 2020

Historic Preservation Committee

Lin Calista & Mary Brann.....Terms Expire 2022

Shellfish Management Committee

Steve Tanguay.....Term Expires 2021

Budget Advisory Committee

Dorothy Alling.....Term Expires 2020

Cable Television Committee

George Kerper.....Term Expires 2022

Cemetery Committee

James S. Gillway.....Contact Person

Recycling/Conservation Committee

James S. Gillway.....Contact Person

2019 Manager's Report

Happy birthday Searsport! I believe everyone should have already heard the news that we are 175 years young. What an absolutely exciting time to be here. We have celebration events planned for much of the year. We have already engaged the fireworks professionals to put on the largest event ever. The funding for the event came mostly from donations. The week before the 4th of July is when many of the celebration events will take place. We are also working on a gathering of schooners in Searsport Harbor on July 13th and 14th.

Our personnel changes were few in number but great in significance. Chief Richard LaHaye and Sergeant Dan Owens both retired in 2019. With deep regret, we also mourned the loss of Richard LaHaye later in the year. Adding to change occurring to the department, Officer Dana Smith left us for a full-time position outside of law enforcement. The search for replacements yielded very good results. Officer Greg Jones joined the department during the summer. He comes to us with a good deal of experience with both the Belfast Police Department and the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. Next, we were very fortunate to hire Sergeant Mike Rolerson. Mike retired from the Belfast Police Department in September and agreed to help us get back on track while we searched for a new Chief. At the end of the year, after an extensive process, we hired Todd A. Boisvert as Chief of Police. Todd had recently retired from the Woonsocket Police Department where he served as a Patrol Captain after twenty eight years of stellar service.

Our facilities are in very good condition. We were able to tackle several maintenance projects in 2019 including the replacement of the library floor downstairs, some lighting replacements and electrical work at the library, the installation of Heat Pump/Air Conditioning in Union Hall, lighting replacement in the public safety building, major repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in heating and the flow systems. The majority of the electrical and lighting cost was accomplished with grant funding.

The Public Works Department was very busy last year. It was very active during the winter with storms and we experienced a fair amount of equipment issues. These issues were addressed during the summer when we put a new sanding body on one of the wheeler trucks, repaired the F250 plow vehicle and outfitted a second military style truck for service. In the summer the crew also worked on Cottage Street. The Cottage Street project has been decades in waiting. We hired Woodard and Curran Engineers to help with design and permitting to ensure that the project was done properly. Our own crew followed the design and installed a new culvert system and raised the road approximately three feet within the right of way. Once complete, they reshaped the edges of the roadway with stone to leave an attractive natural appearance. This was all accomplished with a minimal expense. We should all be proud of this job. In the fall and even into the winter they have been doing brush clearing on several roads in town.

The auditors have reported that the town's financial condition continues to be very good. We have been able to maintain our surplus at over a million dollars. We had an extremely good year for revenues again. We saw significant increases to excise tax and revenue sharing. In 2019 we did foreclose on six properties. These properties along with one foreclosed on earlier were put out to bid. Only five of them were successfully bid on. The five properties are now back on the positive side of the tax roll.

We have a lot of activities to look forward to in the next couple of years. The Maine Ocean School is up and running. They will have their first graduating class in 2020. The Town has been working with the Maine Department of Transportation for the past 15 years to develop and fund a complete rebuild of main street. This project is going out to bid in the spring of 2020 for construction next year. Our Economic Development Director, Dean Bennett, is working with legal specialists and the State to develop and implement a downtown tax increment financing district to attract new business. Bangor Gas is now sending natural gas to Searsport. The main customer today is GAC, however the company has plans to bring natural gas downtown in the near future.

We have been working with the University of Maine supporting their development of offshore wind. The first floating wind tower is scheduled to be assembled starting this year. The 1:8 scale model of that project spent a year in the waters off the Town of Castine. Searsport played a role in the project by removing it from the water for study at Mack Point. We hope to have a role in the future development of this vital renewal resource for the State of Maine in the future.

2020 marks my fifteenth year serving as your manager. It continues to be my pleasure to work hard for the town. I would not be successful here without the help of our dedicated staff. I want to sincerely thank them all for the effort they put forward in 2019. I also want to thank the various committees that worked diligently on their responsibilities. I need to thank the Board of Selectmen for all of their support in 2019. I especially wish to thank the residents for their continued confidence and support for all that we are doing.

Respectfully yours,

James S. Gillway

Town Manager



The University of Maine's 1:8 scale Model in Penobscot Bay

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 2020**

In accordance with Title 36, MRSA Section 706, the Assessor of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality that the Assessor's Office is open daily Tuesday through Friday. If you are unable to come into the office during regular business hours please call the office at 548-6372 or email me at assessor@searsport.maine.gov and we will schedule a time to meet with you for the purpose of revising lists of estates taxable in the Town of Searsport.

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all Administrators, Executors, trustees, non-residents, etc., all estates taxable in said municipality or such persons hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the FIRST DAY of April 2020 and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

2019 SEARSPORT ASSESSOR'S REPORT

2019 was another busy year in the Assessors office due to the implementaion of sketching and using the new TRIO system. I am still getting some feedback on values due to the fact that it had been 15 years since we had completed a revaluation. I would like to thank all of our residents and business owners for their cooperation when there are site visits to your home and/or business. We were fortunate in 2019 to hold the mil rate to \$18.50 per 1,000 dollars of valuation. The mill rate breaks down as follows 9% to the County, 33% to the Town, and 58% to the School for education. The amount of new construction in the Town of Searsport both residential and commercial areas continues to show improvement. The CEO, Randy Hall and I try to coordinate our visits to new businesses and homes together when he completes his certificate of occupancy so that it makes it more convenient having only one visit from our office for the owners.

The majority of homes and businesses were visited and all building permits and revisits took place in the spring. Sales have been strong for the last 5 years so we continue to have some good data to use. I am continuing to find some properties that might have had errors in valuation during the revaluation but overall I feel confident that we are capturing values that are just. I am watching sales against our current values and they are looking accurate except in the case of an estate or foreclosure sale. I would recommend a complete review of properties again in 2023 to keep our just values close to 100 % so that we do not have such a change as we did in waiting 15 years.

All Searsport residents with a primary residence here are reminded of the Homestead Exemption, and there is good news this spring of 2020 with the Homestead Exemption increasing to \$25,000. There is also a Veterans Exemption, and Blind Exemption if you qualify. To find out about these exemptions please contact me. The Maine Property Tax Refund is still available through the Maine Revenue Services Offices in Augusta. Please call them directly at 626-8475 with any questions.

Respectfully,
Harriet E. Clark, CMA

CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT

Title 36

MRSA 712

State of Maine

County of Waldo, ss.

I, hereby certify, that I have assessed a tax on the estate, real and personal liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Searsport for the fiscal year 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019 at .01850 mils on the dollar, on a total tax valuation of \$279,615,300.

Assessments

1. County Tax	495,011.83
2.. Municipal Appropriation	1,874,915.00
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	76,427.20
4. Local Educational Appropriation	3,226,852.84
5. Overlay (not to exceed 5% of the "Net to be raised	<u>41,674.74</u>
6. Total Assessments	\$5,714,881.61

Deductions

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	215,857.00
8. Homestead Reimbursement	184,085.42
9. BETE Reimbursement	142,056.14
10. Other revenue	<u>0</u>
11. Total Deductions	\$541,998.56

12. Net Assessment for Commitment \$5,172,883.05

List of all the same I have committed to James S. Gillway, Tax Collector of said Municipality, with warrants in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to James S. Gillway, Municipal Treasurer of said Municipality, or the successor in office, on or before such date, or dates, as provided by legal vote of the Municipality and warrants received pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine.

Given under my hand on July 22, 2019



Harriet E. Clark

Town of Searsport - Assessor

Searsport Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Mission: *To lead the citizens of the Town of Searsport in a partnership dedicated to the protection of life and property, and the advancement of peace, prosperity, and community. The genesis of our efforts is the values of respect, fairness, and integrity.*

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Chief of Police	Todd A. Boisvert
Police Sergeant	Michael Rolerson
Patrol Officer	Gregory Jones
School Resource Officer	Christopher McCrillis
Reserve Officer	James S. Gillway Jr.
Reserve Officer	Michael Larivee
Reserve Officer	Darren Nadeau
Reserve Officer	James Porter
Reserve Officer	Dana Smith
Animal Control Officer	AJ Koch
Assistant Animal Control Officer	Almon Rivers
Shellfish Warden	TBD

CATEGORY	2017	2018	2019	% +/-
Arrest(s)	42	24	25	0.04%
Animal Problem	170	196	164	-16.50%
Agency Assist(s)	351	357	299	-16.50%
Assaults	12	19	5	-75.00%
Burglaries	10	15	3	-80%
Criminal Mischief	18	22	20	-10%
Disorderly Conduct	5	6	4	-33.30%
Domestic Violence	6	6	4	-33.30%
Domestic Non-Violent	27	34	29	-15%
House Checks	179	244	160	-34%
Total Incidents Reported	2407	2781	2277	-18%

Dear Citizens of Searsport,

Your Searsport Police Department observed change and transition during 2019. Staffing levels dropped as sworn officers retired or resigned for other employment opportunities. The Town Administration was able to maintain law enforcement coverage of the town through the use of full-time officers, reserve officers, and the occasional use of coverage by the Waldo County Sheriff's Office and the Maine State Police, eventually return staffing levels to acceptable levels during this transition. Your police department is now at full staffing.

The past year, statistically appears to have been a slower year for the Police Department, but the numbers are skewed by the fact that information appears to not have been entered in a manner that the computer software program uses to pull information when tracking calls for service. This is being corrected by the implementation of training for all officers in entering information on a basis that is more consistent with the uniform crime report (UCR).

There were 2277 documented calls for service during the 2019 calendar year, which is reported as an 18% decrease from 2018, but once again these numbers are affected by the way that information was entered into the computer system. I caution against using these numbers to reflect a decrease in any crime category, as next year (2020) stats may reflect significant increases in crimes based on numbers.

One of the main focuses of the department was strengthening relationships within the schools. School Resource Officer (SRO) Chris McCrillis spent his time working as the SRO within the schools to foster bonds and relationships with both students and faculty. SRO McCrillis is a valuable resource for both the school district and the police department.

The Police Department's Fleet currently consists of: 2015 Ford Police Sedan (Taurus #2128) with 63,747 miles; 2016 Ford Police Utility (Explorer #1083) with 48,051 miles; and 2018 Ford Police Utility (Explorer #577) with 13,998 miles. All vehicles are up to date on service both mechanically and with the assigned equipment.

Future goals that the Police Department anticipates working on are: police department website improvement, more training for officers, and upgrades in equipment.

The Searsport Police Department invites you to visit its website. The site provides valuable links to other agencies and allows citizens to contact individual officers. The address is www.searsportpolicedept.org.

In closing, as I begin my first year as your Police Chief, I am excited about the opportunity this great town has given me and I am enthusiastic about the potential that I see in the our Police Officers in

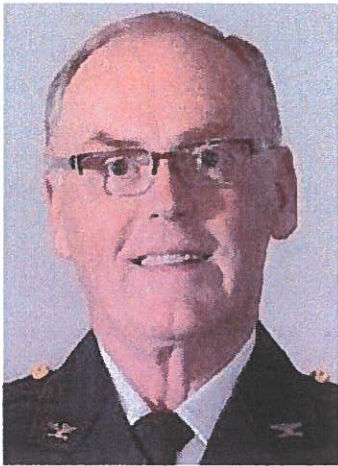
serving the citizens of Searsport, and continuing to make Searsport a wonderful place to live. I am honored to be your Chief of Police and I will strive to continue the proud traditions and excellence set by those who held this position before me.

Respectfully Submitted,

T.A. Boisvert S1

Todd A. Boisvert

Chief of Police



Chief Richard LaHaye, Retired

The Searsport Police Department wants to again recognize and honor Richard LaHaye. Chief LaHaye served the Town of Searsport as Chief from January 2008 to July 2019. He was well respected by his staff and fellow employees. His calm demeanor and even temperament made him a great part of the Searsport community. Dick put up a valiant fight against it, but lost his battle with cancer last year. The imprint he left on law enforcement in Searsport will be long lasting.



SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 499

Searsport, ME 04974

South Station - 548-2502

North Station - 548-6262

Residents of Searsport,

During the 2019 year the fire department responded to a total of 149 call and wrote out around 300 burn permits. Just a reminded if you have a fire pit you do need a yearly burn permit. You can pick those up at the Public Safety building or at Andy's Auto Repair. You can also get burn permits online.

Please check your smoke detectors and CO2 detectors monthly and replace the batteries twice a year. CO2 detectors should be placed near the floor and smoke detectors outside of bedrooms and in areas that fire is more likely. If you are in need of a smoke detector you can pick one up at the Public Safety building. We are able to provide one per household.

We would like to thank you all for your support. The monies donated to Barney Hose through our mailers goes to thing's like purchasing smoke detectors, fire prevention at the school and necessary gear. Without your help we would not be able to provide some if not all of these extra services.

If you have an emergency please dial 911. Non emergency please dial 338-2040. There are times that there is no one available to take your call at the Public Safety building and every call is important. Thank you again for your support. Looking forward to serving you for another year.

Sincerely,

Andrew Webster

Fire Chief

Dial 9.1.1. For Emergencies

Searsport Ambulance Service

P. O. Box 499
Searsport, Maine 04974

Office Tel: 548-2302

24 Hr. Emergency: 911
338-2040

2019 was another busy year for Searsport Ambulance with a total of 627 calls for service. This included calls in Searsport, mutual aid calls to neighboring towns, inter-facility transfers, and Paramedic back-up to neighboring services. The service was also busy providing Community Paramedicine services to the residents of Searsport.

As a community ambulance service we recognize the importance of connecting with our community. We encourage residents and visitors alike to stop by and ask questions. You can see the equipment and get more information about what goes into the preparation and response to emergency calls. We will be offering some community outreach programs such as a Citizens' Academy, Stop-the Bleed programs, CPR/AED trainings and other events throughout the year.

We have a great core group of EMS providers but are always looking for more EMS licensed personnel. We are in the process of getting approved as a training center to offer licensure classes here in Searsport.

We also offered Ambulance stand-by at the High School sporting events in 2019 and enjoyed being there to support our high school athletes. We will continue this in 2020.

We hope to work with more of the businesses and organizations in town to offer First Aid and CPR classes for their employees and members. It is our goal to have as many people in town trained to assist in emergencies immediately.

We at Searsport Ambulance would like to thank the residents of Searsport for the support we receive. We recognize how fortunate we are to have the support of this great community and will continue to strive to be a service the town of Searsport can be proud of. Here's to hoping you don't need us in 2020, but know we will be there if you do.

Thank you,

Adrian Stone

Adrian Stone
NR-Paramedic, CP, I/C, Chief
Searsport Ambulance Service

Serving the People of Searsport Since 1969

SEARSPORT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Many thanks to our volunteer staff:

- George Kerper, PIO;
- Sandra Otis-Anderson, Mass care Coordinator;
- Gayle McKeige, Deputy Director
- Paul Biddle

Continuing thanks go to the North Searsport Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church for entering into an agreement to establish warming centers during extended power outages or other events.

The Searsport EMA organization accomplished the following work during 2016:

1. PLANNING/RESPONSE:
 - ❖ Participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) process for the Waldo County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - ❖ Performed hazard assessments for new hazards and proposed new businesses.
 - ❖ Maintained and updated hazard and risk data for our existing facilities.
 - ❖ Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated with minimum staffing for 1day response to two Storms.
 - ❖ Continued participation with the Waldo County HAZMAT Assessment and Rescue Team. Team transitioning to operate with West Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department
2. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM:
 - ❖ Participated in Senior Safety Day with emergency preparedness information.
 - ❖ Provided emergency assessment and response capability information to citizens in response to questions raised at public meetings.
3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:
 - ❖ Maintained a location for the municipal Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
 - ❖ Maintained the "Nixle" emergency warning system.

We welcome additional volunteers to help perform the EOC functions through multiple shift emergencies. Volunteers can contact me through the town office, at 322-8464, at ema@searsport.maine.gov or at searsportema@gmail.com.

Please notify us of activities or materials that could present a hazard to emergency responders or other people in town.



Almon D. (Bud) Rivers
Emergency Management Director

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Years ago, in early 1970 I was working for a construction company in Bangor. One particular day I was working as a helper to an older mason that was repairing a chimney at one of the nicer old homes on Kenduskeag Avenue. He was a good man and had been with the company for many years. During the course of the day I asked him how to put up a chimney and he answered me "one brick at a time, son...one brick at a time."

This year will mark 19 years that I have been working for the Town of Searsport come June. When I first began, I quickly became acquainted with the town, its streets, roads and other places of interest concerning my job as Enforcement Officer. When I started there was not much structure in the Code Enforcement Office concerning the way things were handled. There was a vast lack of information available to the public and contractors regarding requirements needed to meet the (then) current codes and regulations at the local, state and federal level. Since that time we have made many improvements. We ironed out an existing building permit process, made pertinent information available from state agencies regarding requirements for many types of projects, and have made our office available to find the answers to questions that come up during construction or planning stages of various projects. We have built a working relationship with the Planning Board, the Board of Appeals, Fire Department and other town entities as well as state agencies so we can provide better service to residents and businesses of the Town. The demand for our town's code enforcement officer has grown. What started out as an occasional need for a code enforcement officer has grown to a three day per week need with the potential of this becoming a four day per week need.

Since coming to this office, the state has adopted two major Codes relating to erecting and building structures. A Building Code that gives some substantial to building structure and the International Plumbing Code that has greatly improved the former code that was a state only code. The town's growth has not been like that of Wells in the 70's and 80's nor like that of neighboring towns in recent years, yet we have seen small growth that is significant and on a small scale seems to be growing slowly. People generally do not like change (especially Mainers), yet it is inevitable. Times change, progress moves on, and we either move with it or lag behind. Steady, slow growth is not seen on the front, but as one reflects back the steps toward growth can be seen; a local coffee shop and café, a Dunkin' Donuts, a new and updated auto repair shop, a Dollar General, and several small home-based businesses (just to mention a few) are all indicators of continued growth in this small town.

With the passing of two decades since I first came into this town there have been improvements as well as gains; all accomplished as a result of the collective effort of all involved. This past year has been the busiest, by far, that I have had the privilege of being a part of. Our office issued over one hundred permits including building, demolition, sign and home-based businesses. The list is too long to break down into various categories as I have done in the past, but I will do an overall view of them. We have permitted several accessory structure permits such as sheds and other out-buildings, a new three-building storage unit facility, new single family dwellings, several mobile homes and other various building permits. If the economy continues to have the steady growth that we have seen in the past year, I expect that 2020 will be much the same.

As always, my appreciation and thanks goes to all the girls in the office, as they are a significant part of this office running smoothly, to James for being that listening ear that is needed from time to time, to George and the rest of the Planning Board for the continued companionship that is needed to make our ordinances work and always needing updating, and to the people of the Town of Searsport that make this job possible and a pleasure to be a part of.

Respectfully Submitted,


Randolph B. Hall



2019 Planning Board Annual Report

2019 was a below average year, compared to previous years, for items requiring Planning Board approval but an increase in the number of businesses in Searsport. In order to speed up the process, without affecting any requirements, in 2017 and 2018 Land Use Ordinance amendments allowing the Code Enforcement Officer to approve businesses with small changes to the intensity of use were enacted. In 2018 this shifted 6 applications to the CEO and in 2019 8 applications. The Planning Board heard 4 Site Plan Review Applications and 1 Subdivision Application. All Site Plan Review applications were approved and the 1 Subdivision Application is ongoing.

All our ordinances are living documents and part of our job is to review, each year, the ordinances that effect the Planning Board's decisions. Two of the purposes of the Land Use Ordinance are to protect and preserve the town character, and to promote an economically sound and stable community. To that directive, last year at the annual town meeting, the Board asked the town to approve changes to the Land Use Ordinance that would change thirty-two residential properties on the lower end of Mount Ephraim Road from Commercial designation to Residential District designation.

This year, the Board recommends changes in the Land Use Ordinance that again will protect and preserve the town character, and promote an economically sound and stable community. We also recommend the adoption of a Solar Energy Systems Ordinance and Mobile Home Park Ordinance. The changes to the Land Use Ordinance include a change to a portion of the Residential 2 Zone, on the west end of Route 1, to a Residential 4 Zone. This change will provide the Town with a buffer between Belfast's Commercial Districts and our Residential District. Changes are also being proposed for the approval of In-Law apartments, lot size in R1 and C Districts, light manufacturing and wholesale business facility size in the C, C2, C3, MR and I Zones and additions to the Definitions Section VIII. Copies of these revisions, additions, the Solar Energy Systems and Mobile Home Park Ordinances are available for your review on the Town Website, www.Searsport.Maine.gov, and at the Town Office.

The regular meetings of the Planning Board are held on the second Monday of each month in Union Hall at 6:30 PM. If the Town Office is closed that day the meeting will be held on the following Monday. The agenda for our meeting is available prior to the meeting on the Town Website. Public Hearings, for applications, take place during the same regular meeting that the application is reviewed and that hearing is advertised in the local paper the week before the hearing. Planning Board meetings are streamed live on the internet at sctv7.viebit.com and also on Searsport Cable Channel 1303. Videos of meetings for the prior 12 months are available on the Town Website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Gocze, George Kerper, Peter Nowell,

Travis Otis, Bruce Probert, Keith Ritchie



2019 Comprehensive Plan Committee Annual Report

The latest Searsport Comprehensive Plan was drafted in 2002 and enacted at the annual town meeting in March of 2009. The purpose of the Searsport Comprehensive Plan is to provide the factual basis and policy framework for future planning, regulatory, and community development decision-making, in both the public and private sectors of the town. The plan is a valuable working instrument for the future growth and development of Searsport.

The 2018-2027 plan includes a vision statement that summarizes the community's desired future community character in terms of economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation systems, land use patterns and its role in the region. To accomplish this the Comprehensive Plan Committee produced a survey that was sent to every home in Searsport and in 2016 the Committee held 4 community visioning meetings with the goal of gathering more resident input.

The plan must be found, by the state, to be consistent with the State Growth Management Act. In order to be found consistent the plan must contain the state goal, analyses, condition and trend data, policies, and implementation strategies for each of the following topics Historic and Archaeological Resources, Water Resources, Natural Resources, Agricultural and Forest Resources, Marine Resources, Population and Demographics, Economy, Housing, Recreation, Transportation, Public Facilities and Services, Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan, and Existing Land Use.

In May of 2019 the committee's completed plan was sent to the state for review. The state solicited comments from relevant state agencies to include Maine Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection. In response to the state agencies comments some minor changes were made to the plan by the committee and resubmitted to the state.

On June 18, 2019 the town received a letter, from the state, stating that the state had completed the review and were pleased to inform the town of Searsport that they found the 2018-2027 Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with the Growth Management Act.

The committee is now presenting the plan at the March 7, 2020 Annual Town Meeting for approval by the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith Garrold, George Kerper, Douglas Norman,

Almon "Bud" Rivers, Steve Tanguay

2019 Mass Communications Committee Annual Report

During 2019 we continued the filming of all committee and board meetings that were held in the Searsport Town Office. These meetings are then broadcast live on Searsport Spectrum Cable channel 1303, recorded to be repeated at various times during the month on channel 1303, and placed on the town web site www.searsport.maine.gov. If you are out of town or don't have access to Spectrum Cable, the committee and board meetings are being streamed live at sctv7.viebit.com.

Our Public Access channel 1301 continues to have over 100 shows available each week. The show episodes normally rotate on a monthly basis. Channel 1301 schedules are available at the town office and on the station's Bulletin Board which plays between shows. We are now streaming channels 1301 and 1303 live 24/7/365 on the web at sctv7.viebit.com.

As with most computer-based systems after a period of time the equipment becomes obsolete. Our 15-year-old station servers were replaced in 2019 with new state of the art units. You may have noticed the new look to the informational slides and topics that play between our scheduled programs.

If you are interested or know someone interested in hosting, recording, or helping us continue to bring community TV to Searsport please call me at the Searsport Town Office 548.6372.

We wish to thank the Selectmen, Town Manager and Staff, Town Committees, volunteers and residents for their support of the Mass Communications Committee, Video System, and Town Web Site.

Respectfully submitted,

George B. Kerper Jr.

2019 Shellfish Management Committee Report

Members: David Bond, Jay Economy, Harlan McLaughlin, Travis Otis, Chris Olsson, Steve Tanguay, Frank Whiting, Carleton Wiggin, Stan Wood

Shellfish Warden: Travis Otis (in training)

Searsport currently has 5 ½ miles of tidal flats open to recreational digging.

The shellfish committee evaluates the number of diggers that the flats can sustain by conducting annual clam & invasive species surveys.

During the season, 86 recreational licenses were issued: 68 were to residents and 17 to non-residents. In addition, 109, 72-hour licenses were sold. The diggers harvested almost 44 pecks of clams (mussels are not counted) which is down from the previous year.

During the spring of 2019, we placed three, 14 by 30 foot nets on the sand bar off Kidder Point to help with predator control and spat collection. The nets were sited in areas that were previously seeded (planted clams) in years past.

Maine's harvest of soft-shell clams this past year is at a 90 year low. Our largest challenge in coming years will be to manage this declining resource. Mussel populations in the Bay are also in dramatic decline. The committee will continue working with Dr. Brian Beal and Hanna Annis, the area's municipal shellfish manager.

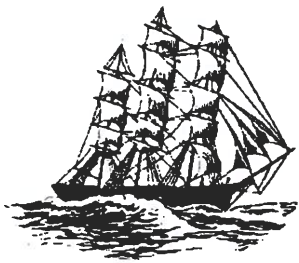
In 2020, the Shellfish committee members will reach out to local schools to help conduct simple research with intertidal sediment samples and installing a few Beal Boxes for collecting spat.

As a result of the 2019 clam survey, the committee chose not to sell any commercial licenses. The Shellfish Committee ran a daily monitor program, checking the flats at low tides to gather data for our State Annual Report.

Please contact anyone in the committee or town office if you are willing to help in any way, we need you. Free license and other incentives available for new committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Economy and Steve Tanguay
Searsport Shellfish Management Committee Co-Chairs



Town of Searsport, Maine

Searsport Harbormaster

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January 1, 2020

Searsport was very fortunate in 2019 with only 2 major storms. Spring came in a little below average but turned into a nice summer for boating. Fall arrived with warmer than average temperatures turning into a very cold winter.

Searsport collected a total of \$5810.80 from moorings, dinghy fees and boat excise taxes. We had sixteen resident and four non-resident moorings. With the generosity of people who use our facility, \$2263.57 was donated to the harbor. We had many visitors that used our guest moorings and toured the town and the Penobscot Marine Museum.

Travis and I attended the 34nd Annual Harbormaster Association Training Program from March 6th – 8th which was held at Maine Maritime Academy. Travis and I were voted to the Board of Directors of the Maine Harbormaster Association.

The Town Wharf was once again the center of attention with the ever popular 4th of July Rowboat Races. As Harbormaster and with several volunteers helping me, we organized 14 races with around 22 individual participants and four families, all striving for a blue ribbon.

We had a relatively quiet year, Travis and I responded to eleven incidents. There were five rescues requiring assistance, one overturned kayak, and four boats requiring a tow.

We would like to thank the Town manager, his staff, Searsport Ambulance, the Fire, Police, Public Works Departments, and the Beautification Committee for all their continued support and assistance. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all who assisted Travis and myself at various times through the year. We love our town and are proud of what we have accomplished to promote it.

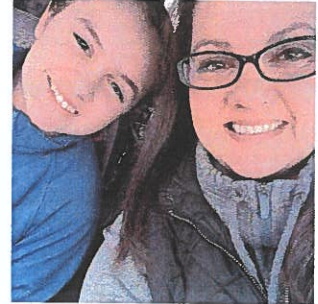
Wayne Hamilton
Harbormaster

Travis Otis
Assistant Harbormaster

Maine's Fastest Growing Industrial Deep Water Port

Searsport Recreation Department Town Report 2019

The Searsport Recreation Department would like to dedicate its portion of the Town Report to the late Kari J Hilt. Kari served at the Town of Searsport's Recreation Director for three years and was involved in all aspects of community and youth development. Kari laid down the groundwork to make the success of today's Recreation Department possible. Thank you, and may you rest in peace.



2019 was a very busy year for the Recreation Department as the department continues to grow. Our annual trip to Funtown Splashtown USA on June 8th was well attended with 74 students and participants of the department in all. We held a three-day basketball camp in the beginning of July and a two-day soccer skills clinic in mid-August. Both camps were coached by Joshua McFarlin and saw an average of 28 kids. Our soccer season was our largest and most successful yet. We had 80 participants and eight teams in all with 9 volunteer coaches. We played games as far as Glenburn and also hosted a fair amount of games at Mosman Park in Searsport. Basketball saw numbers increased to 87 participants with six teams and five volunteer coaches. We had multiple home games over vacations due to the generosity of RSU 20 granting us the use of their gym. Travel basketball numbers after necessary cuts were 40 participants and teams travelled as far as Saco for tournaments. The season is expected to last until mid-April.

The Recreation Department's annual holiday festivities went well. The 4th of July parade got many compliments due to the military band that played, special thanks to Dr. Victoria Cox for both performing in the band and helping to secure it. Kids activities during the day for the 4th of July were minimized to save money for the 175th anniversary celebration. Usual activities will resume this year. Fling into Fall was well attended despite the weather. Special thanks to the Searsport Fire Department for the help in organizing and running Fling into Fall successfully. We also added a new event to kick off events with a soccer tournament in the morning prior to the parade. Trunk-or-Treat was also well attended despite unsatisfactory weather; many outside organizations and businesses were in attendance passing out candy. The annual Christmas Tree lighting was well attended. Noah and Hannah Deetjen (late Chief LaHaye's grandchildren) were our honorary guest tree-lighters. Special thanks to the Penobscot Marine Museum and Fire Chief Andy Webster (Santa) for making this event possible.

The Recreation Department re-instated the Recreation Committee as an oversight and support to the director. The committee is composed of four voting members from Searsport and one non-voting member from Stockton Springs. Committee members are appointed by the select-board and are as follows: John Mattola (Chair), Joshua McFarlin (Co-Chair), Amber Haslauer, Amanda McFarlin, and Clae Seekins (non-voting contributor).

As always, I sincerely thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve this great Town of Searsport; as well as giving me the opportunity to help develop and prepare our youth for a successful and prosperous future.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Walsh

The Town of Searsport is celebrating it's 175th birthday in 2020. Traditionally, the town goes all out every 25 years to celebrate. Marking Maine's 200th anniversary makes this years celebration even more special. We kicked off our year of celebration on February 13th with a re-enactment of the original town meeting. This event will took place at the original meeting venue, the Methodist Church on Main Street. That evening we will held a supper/birthday party at the Congregational Church on Church Street that was very well attended. Charlene Farris, town historian put on a slide show that was very informative.

We have a weeklong schedule of events to celebrate starting June 29th and running up to July 4th where we have booked the largest fireworks display Searsport has ever seen. This week will include afternoon downtown concerts every day and numerous other activities, shows and suppers. We will participate in the Penobscot Maritime Heritage Associations's 4 Port Loop Event by hosting the Ships in a "Gam" gathering on July 13th & 14th in Searsport Harbor. We will host a picnic in Mosman Park with a concert by Steel Drum Band "Flash in the Pans" followed by a fireworks display.

SEARSPORT's 175th



We want to recognize Phil Wolley for his dedication to Searsport and decades of volunteering to entertain us. His sense of humor and smile will be greatly missed.

Main Street Searsport in late 1800s

Economic Development

Annual Report 2019

It is with great appreciation and pride that I hereby submit my third Annual Report to the citizens and business owners of Searsport.

The key to successful economic development is to strategically position Searsport to anticipate, respond to, and capitalize on development opportunity. This is accomplished by identifying or creating, and then promoting Searsport's differential advantage. During the past 3 years, Searsport has identified and undertaken the initial steps to establish themselves at the "negotiation table for development". Searsport is no longer a community that sits and awaits development opportunity, then consequently responds to it. The town has initiated the strategic actions necessary to attract and direct development that is needed, rather than respond to the development that it may get. These strategic actions include the following:

- Promoted Searsport as a coastal community that advocates for and welcomes development investment, offering flexibility, facilitation, and a philosophy of business promotion.
- Provided confidential and personalized response to business interests, encouraging consideration of Searsport for business investment and post revitalization Main Street investment.
- Completed a Downtown Plan, identifying Searsport's assets, challenges and developed strategic solutions.
- Strategically purchased land for future parking and initiated collaboration for the design and construction of a public parking lot.
- Initiated a Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. This will allow Searsport to offer incentives for business investment such as low interest loans, revolving loans, façade improvement grants, sign grants, and other investment incentives, which place Searsport at the "negotiation table for development".

Successful economic development requires strategic direction, continuity of message and consistent implementation. Once the decision is made to initiate an

investment in economic development, the process to fruition requires patience. It is necessary to analyze assets, determine differential advantage, develop strategic plan, implement strategic action items all while maintaining flexibility, and capitalizing on opportunities. These steps required to be initiated, completed and approved within a transparent public process.

Searsport is well on the way to formalizing and finalizing the philosophical foundation and direction from which to chart a course to prosperity and reinvigoration of the town. With the downtown revitalization project anticipated in the next couple years, combined with the creation of a downtown tax increment financing district, perhaps for the first time, Searsport will have in place the necessary tools to proactively incentivize development investment.

It has been a pleasure to work with Manager Gillway and the supportive and visionary Selectpersons of Searsport. The road to economic development and prosperity requires commitment and patience. Searsport has risen to that challenge, which in fact distinguishes Searsport from other small coastal communities facing similar challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dean L. Bennett, Director
Economic Development



Carver Memorial Library Association Report

2019 has been a year of increased events, services, and improvements to the building.

This year we have focused on local, community-driven programs and events, with presentations on Searsport Architectural History, Searsport Ghost Stories, and memories of Waldo County in bygone eras. Intergenerational Storytime at Bayview Manor on the second Wednesdays of the month has been popular with residents and families. Our book clubs are going strong with the addition of a Mystery Book Club this year. Over the summer we began offering a weekly Take and Make activity kit for children, which proved so successful that we have continued it on a bi-weekly basis through the winter. Crafternoons by the fireplace offer an opportunity to catch up on projects and socialize with others. We expanded our backpack kits to include topics for adults, such as Beginning Fitness and Sharing Memories. Thanks to a dedicated volunteer, we are now offering home delivery for those in Searsport who cannot get to the library.

Improvements to the building have made the library safer and more usable. We installed a new floor in the children's area, which is now so much better. With grants from AARP in partnership with Aging Well in Waldo County, we have installed new chandeliers and sconces and added wooden, eye-level shelves for the large print books to improve lighting and access to the collection. Perhaps the most-loved addition is an electric fireplace insert for the Reading Room, which adds a cozy atmosphere and highlights the beautiful architecture. A gardening group has begun sprucing up the library grounds and has big plans for the future. Thanks to a Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency grant, we had a full energy audit in preparation for next year's grant application for a new heating system and attic insulation to increase the efficiency of the building.

We were able to add an additional staff position from Will's reduction in hours. Autumn joined us in September and Sadie took over from her at the beginning of 2020.

We continue to improve our collection, and offer access to public computers, high-speed internet, and color printing, as well as our wide range of regular programs, storytimes, book groups, outreach, and tax assistance.

Our strategic planning process is just finishing up drafting a new five-year plan, which is based on group conversations the Trustees had with various parts of the community. We are grateful for all the people who took the time to share their ideas about the library and vision for the future in Searsport. Our biggest takeaway was the need for group gathering spaces to connect people with their community. We are asked about meeting rooms or quiet study spaces on an almost weekly basis, and we are exploring ways to meet those needs.

Thanks to our volunteers, Friends of the Library, and especially Kendra Newcombe for another successful Gift Basket Silent Auction. The perennial favorite Spring Tea fundraiser was beautiful thanks to the many volunteers who helped bring it together.

Carver Memorial Library is a collaboration between the Town of Searsport and the Carver Memorial Library Association and we are grateful to the Town and the community for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McClintock, Library Director
and the Trustees of Carver Memorial Library Association

Carver Memorial Library Association – 2019 Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash	Checking Account	\$ 39,699
Trusts	Joshua Curtis Fund	\$ 5,331
	Robert & Muriel List Fund	\$ 243,206
	Richard Beglin Fund	\$ 5,469
	Carver Memorial Library Fund	\$ 319,819
	James Nichols Fund	<u>\$ 152,850</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 766,374**

INCOME / EXPENSES

INCOME

Donations	\$ 10,890 **
Trust Fund Income	\$ 29,711
Fundraising	\$ 5,316
Operations	<u>\$ 1,556</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 47,473**

** - Includes \$7,100 Memorial Donation for a long-time library patron

EXPENSES

Books	\$ 15,750
Program Expenses	\$ 2,518
Business Expenses	\$ 5,206
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 24
Staffing & Mgmt. Exp.	\$ 585
Technology Expenses	<u>\$ 6,534</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 30,617**

Surplus \$ 16,856

Not included in this report is a \$13,000 Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Grant for repairing the slate roof and an energy audit for reducing the energy costs of running the library.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2019

The Historic Preservation Commission continues to protect, educate and call attention to its rich history.

In that spirit, we hosted a 6- week architectural program in the Searsport middle school during April and May led by one of our members, Sandi Cirillo, a retired art teacher. It was well received by the teacher and the class. The students were interested in their local history and constructed buildings using architectural features they had learned in class. We culminated the course by taking a walk around Searsport to identify certain features we had talked about.

In October, we hosted an evening architectural seminar for the community at Carver Library. We illustrated the class with slides from the Penobscot Marine Museum's collection. It exceeded our attendance expectations and a lively discussion was held as participants analyzed various features to determine the age and style of several buildings. We will be presenting the architectural talk again at the Historical Society meeting in April.

Lin Calista and Mayo Bulloch attended the annual Maine State Preservation meeting in June. That meeting had several interesting speakers that covered restoration solutions and funding resources.

This spring our committee toured the Masonic Hall with the Selectmen and a contractor to evaluate the possibility of the town taking control of the building for use as a community center. Our commission is eligible for grants to fund renovations and upgrades to the building, should the town take control. The Masonic Hall has a rich history in Searsport and deserves to be maintained and used. In the meantime, we continue to work on getting it approved for the National Historic Register.

In celebration of Searsport's 175th birthday, with Mary Brann spearheading, Historic Preservation produced a commemorative calendar which included photos of historic properties. Images were taken from the Penobscot Marine Museum slide collection. Many thanks to Kevin Johnson, who helped with the success of this project and photographed current images. Members contributed interesting facts about each building as well. Proceeds of the calendar will help finance projects that commemorate Searsport's history.

We were very happy to recognize and restore the last unrenovated tourist cabin of the many that lined Rt #1 during the 30's through 1960's. The building serves as our town information booth. We documented the site with photos that now hang inside. The town business organization, HOBBA, continues to use and maintain it during the tourist season.

We documented two buildings slated for demolition. Both were over 50 years old and had a surprising history. They were demolished, but our files have a record of their existence!

The Commission wants to encourage residents to tell us about the history of their homes so we may add it to our files. Someone in our group would be happy to help you trace and document your home's history. In turn, we will supply a commemorative plaque to be placed outside.

In 2020, we hope all will join us for an old fashioned pot luck dinner featuring dishes from the 1840's for the day of the re-enactment, February 13. On March 26 we have invited a speaker that investigates artifacts and old cemeteries with special radar equipment.

The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month in Union Hall at 6pm. We welcome other Searsport residents with an interest in preserving Searsport's history to join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Calista, Mary Brann, Karen Kelley, Sandi Cirillo, Mayo and Steve Bulloch, Mark Bradstreet, and Zoe McGown.

**Mosman Memorial Park Association
P.O. Box 265
Searsport, Maine 04974**

March 2020

To the Citizens of Searsport:

As has been the case for its 98 years of existence, the Mosman Memorial Park was busy in 2019. The park was reserved for 3 church picnics, 2 family reunions, 4 Waldo County YMCA events, 3 family outings hosted by the Waldo County Reentry Center, 5 puppet shows performed by the Light House Bible Church, 4 birthday parties, 2 graduation parties, and 3 business group outings which include the Penobscot Marine Museum and the Waldo County Republicans. Many other groups used the park on an as available basis.

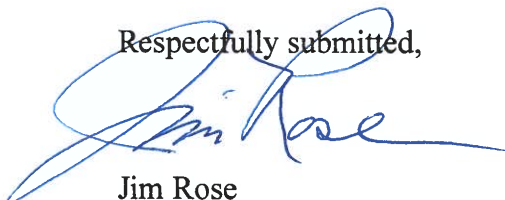
The reactivated Searsport Recreation Committee has brought renewed energy to the park, as well as support with equipment replacement and management. Weekday afternoons are busy with up to 50-60 children involved in the soccer program, as well as in weekend games.

Highlights of the year include the always moving Memorial Day ceremony and wreath laying, and the spectacular July 4th fireworks.

The park is privately owned by the Mosman Memorial Park Association and is made available to all for free. The Association and the Town of Searsport have worked cooperatively to make the park a facility that all can enjoy. The Town Meeting annually appropriates funds to help maintain the park. The Association is grateful for all the support the town provides for the maintenance and operation of the park. The town crew does an excellent job keeping up the grounds, and the Searsport Water District maintains the fountain for all to use.

The Mosman Memorial Park Association is committed to keeping the park in tip-top condition and making needed improvements. As we consider new projects we will be seeking support from community members to make them possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Rose
President

WASTEWATER
ANNUAL REPORT
2019

This year will go down as a year of transition. We are now officially in a period of being an older, somewhat obsolete primary treatment plant, trying to comply with the parameters of modern technology and the requirements of an inevitable upgrade. We fall somewhere in limbo since we have neither the funding for an entirely new facility, nor can we afford to reasonably repair the old equipment that we are presently using. The engineers from Woodard and Curran have met with the Board of Selectpersons and are collectively seeking a solution to this problem. MDEP is supportive of an upgraded plant as well, so we are optimistic that progress will be coming in the new year.

In January, the transducer that regulates the level in our wetwells finally succumbed to old age and needed replacement. The following month, the cast iron line to our heating system rusted through, and we did some pipe replacement in order to keep the heating system from freezing and bursting. March was the month that we did a number of pump station troubleshooting jobs, as we had multiple plugs and circuitry problems.

April was a month of increased flows and marking all of the sewers along Route 1 for the water district. Their construction continued throughout the year, and we encountered a number of broken lines and needed repairs along the way. We also met with MDEP to discuss a new discharge permit with a potential consent agreement in our future. EPA and MDEP have still not issued this agreement, so it's hard to say if this will actually happen in 2020. We also started testing our sludge for PFAS which are chemical compounds commonly found in plastics. This became a hot topic in 2019.

Summertime was very busy as we had construction at 3 different job sites as well as getting the pump stations cleaned out. We did a major job of replacing the foot valve to the influent wetwell, which kept us from having a major catastrophe. This job was over a period of weeks and a private contractor was hired to complete the full replacement of the valve in a 15 foot - deep confined space.


We did the quality assurance tests in July in our lab, and passed all 6 of the set parameters. We had also some maintenance work done on our radio telemetry in September. Hurricane Dorian gave us run for our money, but we sustained mostly rainfall, and very little physical damage to our infrastructure.

October was the month when the heavier rainfall started, and we really started getting a lot of infiltration into our collection system. We had a number of pump station problems due to an increase of running hours to each pump, but had no major mechanical failures. The year ended in a period of torrential rain with the highest flows into the plant that we had ever seen. Rainfall was over 8 inches in December, which kept our collection system near design capacity.

The Town of Searsport Wastewater System began operations in July of 1988. The equipment and collection system are now over 30 years old. Design engineers highly recommend upgrades every 20 years to keep up with maintenance and improving technology. Simply put, the plant has outlived its life expectancy. Major upgrades are needed to meet future environmental guidelines. Meeting these guidelines will cost money. Preliminary estimates to upgrade our facility are between 8 to 12 million dollars. We are hopeful that we can receive grants and loans to help ease the burden of repayment, but local investment into the town's infrastructure will ultimately determine the fate of its success.

The wastewater staff is here to serve the public. Our phone # is 207- 548- 6320. Billing is handled by Linda Patterson, who is available at 207 - 548- 6372.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 30, 2020



Searsport Water District 2019

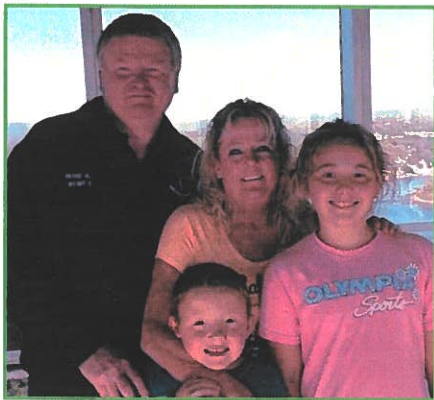


New England Water Works Association 2019 Utility of the Year Award

On September 24, 2019 the Searsport Water District Superintendent, staff, and its trustees were presented the 2019 Utility of the Year Award from the New England Water Works Association. This award recognizes utilities which have made significant improvements to the water system infrastructure, customer service, staff training, and/or operations to further protect health of the customers they serve.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

“Reflections”



Where does the time go? Although it certainly doesn't seem like I've been here for 25 years, reality is that time goes by faster than I imagined it ever would. Throughout the years my wife Jenny and I have been very blessed to have been able to raise our four children and watch them grow up here in the Searsport area. Upon graduating from High School and as their career paths were chosen, some left the area for new ventures in life, and some were able to stay and call Searsport home. I must say, for a small coastal community, there are many opportunities within the area for adults and children alike, you just have to be willing to reach for the stars and grab them. Now that we have grandchildren, (two of whom are shown here in the photo with my wife Jenny and I), we are blessed to be able to watch them grow into wonderful adults as well.

Here's a little history of events over the past 25 years. In 1994, when I accepted the position as Superintendent, the district had just begun construction of a new groundwater supply. At that time, we also installed 3 miles of 12" water main along with a new 300,000-gallon concrete reservoir. Since that time the district has continued with plans to invest and upgrade much of its infrastructure by replacing old 1906 and 1909 water mains, with new larger diameter water mains. New pumping stations, treatment systems, and SCADA systems were also completed. To date the district has made more than \$12 million in upgrades with another \$3.2 million scheduled for 2020. These projects wouldn't be possible without grants/forgiveness funds from the Maine Drinking Water Program, United States Rural Development, and Maine CDBG as well. The foresight and commitment of the Trustees and staff have been crucial in bringing these projects to fruition. I personally am proud to have been able to see these projects through as they have allowed for our staff to provide each and every customer with some of the best and safest drinking water in the State of Maine. I certainly look forward to providing many more years of service to this district and its customers, and hope that time slows down just a little as life is truly precious.

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION UPDATES FOR 2019

In 2019 the District continued to replace water mains with the Searsport portion of the system. Those locations include the following; Route 1 from Prospect Street to Savage Road, Route 1 from Station Avenue to just west of the Dollar General Store, Knox Brothers Avenue and a portion of Church Street, and Mosman Street and a portion of Howard Street. Due to the late start some of the construction had to be shut down for the winter due to the lack of pavement material and the cold weather. The contractors will be back in the early spring of 2020 to finish with cleanup and installation of water services on East Main Street.

Along with overseeing and assisting with the construction projects listed above we here at the District installed and repaired several service lines, repaired water main leaks, replaced hydrants as needed and replaced several water meters throughout the system.

In 2020 the District will continue with its water main replacement projects along the Route 1 (East Main Street) area of Searsport. Construction will begin where we left off just west of the Dollar General Store and continue to the Mortland Road intersection. Once this area is completed the entire water main from the District's pump station on Route 1A in Stockton Springs to Savage Road in Searsport will have been completely replaced with all of it being 25 years old or newer.

Other areas of construction to be completed in 2020, pending available funds, are as follows:

- Relocation of a short section of water main on the Mt. Ephraim Road. Although this water main was replaced in 2002, a short section needs to be relocated due to an MDOT culvert replacement project just north of the Mt. Ephraim Road/Goodell Street intersection. This will allow for the MDOT to replace the existing galvanized culvert with a larger concrete box culvert. This project is schedule to begin on July 6, 2020.
- Replacement of older 8" water main with new 12" water main on Mortland Road from the Library to in front of the High School parking lot.
- Replacement of a 3" water main on Seaport Avenue in Stockton Springs.

In 2019, the District pumped a total of 118,423,000 gallons of water. This amount is a decrease of 10,872,000 gallons from the previous year. Our daily average was 324,447 gallons per day or 225 gallons per minute. This amount is 50.97% of the total daily safe yield based on a calculated safe yield of 636,500 gallons per day. Total water sold to metered customers during 2019 was 64,911,440 gallons. This amount is an increase of 264,044 gallons over the previous year.

In closing, I would like to thank all our customers for their continued support as we work hard to assure that your water is safe to drink each and every day. I am grateful for our entire staff as these are the people who work hard and remain both, dedicated and committed to their profession in the water utility field. Our motto has always been and always will be; "Providing our customers with safe and reliable drinking water 24 hours per day is our number one priority". As always, we'd like to recognize the Searsport Public Works Department for being there with the extra hands and equipment when we need it most.

Should you need emergency assistance after hours please call the emergency number listed below. You can also find us on the web at www.searsportwater.org. Should you have any other questions or concerns please call office at (207) 548-2910 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or email us at info@searsportwater.org. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Herb Kronholm

Herb Kronholm, Superintendent
Searsport Water District

Trustees

William Shorey, Chairman
Bruce Mills, Treasurer
Larry Clark, Clerk

Employees

Herbert Kronholm, Superintendent
Brenda Stevens, Office Manager
Kyle Anne Benson, Office Assistant
Timothy Wilson, Foreman
Harold Porter, Service Technician

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Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In case of an emergency during non-business hours please call the
Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398

2019 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

ADAMS, KENNETH & DOROTHY	523.55	CARCHIDE, APRIL A.	331.15
ADAMS, MARY JANE, RICHARD E.	1,437.45	CARON, JON ROSS	717.80
ADAMS, (ETAL)		CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	1,141.45
ALLEN, ROBERT	947.20	CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	623.45
ANDERSON, FLOYD	75.85	CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	1,753.80
ANDERSON, SEAN P. & CRYSTAL L.	2,810.15	* CASSIDY, JAMES W.	8,837.45
ANNIS, LEON & ALLYSON PLACE	730.75	CATALDO, BARBARA R.	1,357.90
APETZ, ELLEN L. & STEPHEN J.	1,283.90	CENTRAL MAINE & QUEBEC RAILWAY	514.30
ARSENAULT, ALLEN	530.95	U.S. INC	
ASHEY, LELAND & LINDA	1,189.55	CHAPLES, GREGORY & KIMBERLY	397.75
BAGLEY, ANGELA L.	1,089.65	CHURA, NICHOLAS	1,215.45
BAIR, ADAM C. & MELISSA J.	2,199.65	CIOFOLO, CATHERINE A. & THOMAS	3,261.55
* BAKER, GEORGIANA	3,775.85	A.	
BALDUS, DR. LOREN	5,942.20	CIOFOLO, THOMAS A. & CATHERINE	1,446.70
BANIUKIEWICZ, ANN L.	4,900.65	A.	
BANK OF AMERICA N.A.	4,164.35	CLAPPER, JOSEPH & TRACEY	412.55
* BECKELHEIMER, JOHN JAY & MARY	612.35	* CLARK, DEAN E.	744.75
BELFAST AREA APARTMENTS LLC	2,606.65	CLARK, PATRICIA	1,331.20
BENISSAN, MESSAN	3,089.50	CLARK, SHANNON	547.60
BERGERON, JESSICA &	1,360.15	CLEMENTS, APRIL DAWN	851.00
BIDDLE, ANNE S. & PAUL D.	166.58	CONANT, CHERYL L. ROBERTS	475.45
BLAKE, SCOTT & GLEASON (HEIRS)	157.25	CONANT, CHERYL L. ROBERTS &	951.18
BLAKESLEY, SUE	116.55	CONNOR, CAROLINE M.	1,481.85
* BLOOD, DIANA	105.45	CONNOR, ROBERT & LAURA	131.35
BOEHMER, KRISTIAN L. & MARLARAE	3,496.50	CONNORS, DAVID E. & LINDA J.	1,579.90
L.		COOK, RONALD A. & BARBARA J.	400.50
* BOISVERT, JOSEPH J. & DONNA L.	665.25	CORMIER, JONATHAN & DAWN MARIE	1,221.00
BORMET, DOROTHY	297.85	COTTRELL, DALE C. & LYNN M.	2,627.00
* BORRUSO, ROBERT &	8.93	CROSBY, ROBERT &	1,463.35
* BOUCHARD, DONALD & REBECCA	224.67	CUNNINGHAM, GORDON , MARIAH &	149.55
BOUCHARD, INC.	2,144.15	CURTIS, JOYCE	185.00
BRAGDON, DALE	601.25	CURTIS, KENNETH	542.05
BRAGDON, STEPHEN E.	1,019.35	CURTIS, LARRY	381.10
BRAZIER, JEFFREY	1,637.25	DAKIN, SHEILA J. & JASON A.	2,373.55
BRAZIER, JEFFREY & LOURDES	1,098.90	* DECESERE, JOHN & JOANNE	1,675.70
* BRIGGS, DAWNA	3,368.25	DOLIBER, DUSTIN	207.20
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	401.45	DRINKWATER, BRIAN & TRUNDY,	1,080.40
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	423.65	SHERRIE	
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	414.40	DUECASTER, LESLIE & ELIZABETH	136.90
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	392.20	DYER, CATHY A. & PAYSON, SAMUEL	945.35
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	407.00	M.	
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	431.05	EARLS, MARY ANN	4,234.65
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	381.10	EDMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2,845.30
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	395.90	ELLSWORTH, ROBERT	133.20
BROWN, DOUGLAS	838.05	ELWELL, GARY	649.35
BUYERS, BRIAN H. & BEVERLY K.	4,406.70	ELY, SCOTT	149.85
CALLAWAY, JENNY D.	2,129.35	ESTES, CATHERINE A.	1,637.25
CAMERON, FRED JR.	3,483.55	FAIRBROTHER, ADAM	123.95

2019 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

FAWCETT, FREDERICK JOHN, 3RD	3,922.00	HERSOM, HEATHER	334.85
FEDUKOVICH, JUSTIN & HLEYKO,	710.40	HIETER, MELANIE A.	640.65
CASEY		HMC HOSPITALITY, LLC	12,678.05
FEURTADO, INEZ L. (HEIRS)	4,684.20	HOOLEY, PAUL	9,290.70
FINNIE, MARY PATRICIA BRENNAN	1,890.70	HOPKINS, SCOTT & SARAH	2,335.98
FLAGG, SARAH	1,616.90	HUSTUS, DALE, JR. (HEIRS)	780.70
FRASER, ANTHONY & DOROTHY	2,958.15	HUSTUS, JEFFREY	2,325.45
FRENCH, GERALD M., JR. & BETH L	2,569.65	HUTCHINS, FREDERICK D. & RHONDA	1,237.65
* GARVIN, SPENCER G.	703.00	F.	
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	1,152.55	HUTCHINSON, KATHRINE ROBIN, &	2,133.05
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	1,676.10	SPENCER, KRISTEN &	
GOGUEN, MICHAEL	192.40	ITALIAANDER, DAVID & JEANNE S.	11,253.55
* GOULD, ROBERT &	2,702.85	* JOHNSON, KARL R.	200.01
GRANT, JANET A.	555.00	* JOHNSON, ROMAINE	122.80
GRANT, JANET A.	2,358.75	JORDAN, GEORGE TRUSTEE OF THE	2,416.10
GRANT, KASSANDRA	166.50	JOSEPH, ZACHERY	197.95
GRANT, KIRK & KRISTIE	810.30	KELLEY, KEVIN R., LIVING TRUST	693.75
GRANT, NICK	74.00	* KENDALL, BENJAMN, JR. & ELIZABETH	808.45
GRASS, JEFFREY A. & PAMELA J.	3,942.35	KENDALL, PATRICIA	943.50
GRASS, JEFFREY A. & PAMELA J.	86.95	KENISTON, JESSE	512.45
GRAY, AARON WYATT & TAMMY	3,452.10	KILBY, LAURA K.	678.95
GRAY, LAURA L.	2,027.60	KIMERY, TRUMAN A. &	1,659.45
* GRENDALL, WILFRED V., JR. & ELLE	1,716.80	KINNEY, MAX R.	53.65
L.		KINNEY'S ESTATES, INC	231.25
GRINDEL, ANDREW II	732.50	KINNEY'S ESTATES, INC.	118.40
GRINNELL, ARTHUR E., JR. &	3,004.40	KINNEY'S ESTATES, INC.	259.00
KIMBERLY S.		KNOWLES, PAULINE M.WING	107.30
* GRINSTEIN, DAVID C. TRUSTEE &	2,702.21	KNOX, DANIEL J.W.	386.45
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	603.10	KRIENKE, NAIOME E.	1,672.40
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	316.35	LANPHER, ROYCE &	1,241.35
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	1,250.60	LANPHIER, RICKY E. &	747.40
GULLIVER, KEVIN & LISA	891.70	LARRABEE, CHARLES & NANCY	1,267.25
* HALL, CLAUDIA E.	575.35	LARRABEE, DOROTHY & LESLIE	146.15
HANSON, MICHELLE L.	2,647.35	LEALI, ROBERT(HEIRS)	569.80
HARBORLIGHT SQUARE ASSOCIATE	125.25	LEMIEUX, DONALD R.	3,566.80
HARRIMAN, AMANDA	497.65	LEMIEUX, DONALD R.	2,203.35
HARRIMAN, ANGEL	136.90	LESLIE, MICHAEL ET AL	2,492.02
HARRIMAN, BYRON & KATHY	2,232.95	LEWIS, MISTY & CHARLIE	6,086.50
HARRIMAN, SANDRA K. (HEIRS)	788.10	LITTLEFIELD, RUTH B. & JASON	1,453.80
HARRINGTON, MATT	7.40	LITTLEFIELD, SHARON E. & NATHAN	649.35
HARTIGAN, JACOB	3,391.05	E.	
* HARTMAN, JILLIAN	57.27	LOCKE, ROBIN	370.00
HARVEY, JAMES & ELIZABETH	556.85	LOCKE, ROBIN G. & RICHARD H.	858.40
HARVEY, MARILYN	640.10	LOUNDER, ERIC C. & RUTH I.	780.70
HAYWARD, KAREN	149.85	LUCAS, MICHELLE ANN	503.20
HEARNE, CAROLYN	4,134.75	* MAHONEY, SHAWN T. & ELLEN	2,123.80
HECHT, KATHERINE C.	645.65	MARRINER, DARRIN T.	3,755.50
HERSOM, DAVID G. II &	647.77	MARRINER, STEVEN G. II, &	1,226.55

2019 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

MARTINEAU, ROBERT	699.30	PALMERI, MARC	6.15
MATTHEWS, DANIEL	1,702.00	PEASLEY, BRANDY M. &	4,018.20
MCGLAUFLIN, DANIEL J. &	4,438.15	PEDDLE, NINA & DESIRAE D.	529.10
MCGRATH, JOHN F., TRUSTEE	434.75	PETERSON, RONALD	75.85
MCINTIRE, REBECCA	3,002.31	PIKE, FREDERICK E.	1,946.20
MCLELLAN, EDWARD & ANITA	1,282.05	POMEROY, AUDREY S.	251.60
MCLELLAN, EDWARD & ANITA	1,898.10	POMEROY, AUDREY S.	749.25
MCLELLAN, EDWARD C. & ANITA H.	3,013.65	POMEROY, ELLERY &	627.15
MEHUREN, JERRY & RENEE	1,328.30	POMEROY, HUGH A., JR. heirs	514.30
MELLITZ, EDWARD B. &	2,195.92	POMEROY, SHERYL	965.70
MERITHEW, MELISSA A.	806.60	POMEROY, STEVE & SHARON	18.50
MERRY, BRITTANY L.	2,158.95	PRISCO, SUSAN	10,957.55
MERRY, DENNIS W.	795.50	RADLEY, CHRIS C.	2,858.25
MERRY, DENNIS W.	629.00	RAINEY, JOHN P.	1,293.04
MERRY, TINA L.	516.15	RAMSEY, CHRISTOPHER & SHIRLEY	116.55
MILIANO, MICHAEL E.	1,757.50	RARICK, JOHN R., KIM A., & DEVIN I.	2,133.05
MILIANO, MICHAEL E.	1,918.45	REED, WENDY	458.80
MILLER, BLAINE N. &	307.10	REMILLARD, CHERYL	1,844.45
MILLER, PHYLLIS V.	832.50	RESH, DONALD H., JR.	512.45
MILLER, PHYLLIS V.	723.35	RESH, LESTER W., JR. (HEIRS)	473.60
MOODY, ANDREA	414.40	* RHODES, RANDY	103.24
MOODY, CAROL	1,344.95	RICHMOND, ALAN L.	1,596.55
MOON, MARILYN L.	306.75	RINES, BARBARA	1,674.25
MOON, DAVID	96.20	RIPLEY, TERRY & LISA	1,707.55
MORIN, STEPHEN C. & KATHY D.	482.85	* RIVER RUN PARTNERS, LLC	3,270.25
MOULTON, DARREN	281.20	RIVERS, JOSHUA JAMES & DANIEL S.	1,522.55
MOULTON, KEVIN	777.00	RIVERS, PAUL M.	2,595.55
MOULTON, MICHAEL SCOTT	521.70	ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND	462.50
MOULTON, STEPHEN K., JR.	364.45	DEVELOPMENT, INC.	
MROZ, DAVID G.	4,079.25	ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND	500.00
MULREY, SUSAN A.	2,599.25	DEVELOPMENT, INC.	
MUNSTER, REBECCA	2,442.00	ROBBINS, BRENDA	1,855.55
NEWTON, RICKY	195.46	ROBBINS, CINDY VIRGINIA	579.05
NICKERSON, ANN	209.05	ROBBINS, NICHOLAS	482.85
NICKERSON, FRANCIS J.	1,851.85	ROBBINS, SHANNON LYNN	666.00
NICKERSON, PHILIP	103.60	ROBERTS, GARY & MARY	1,407.85
NICKERSON, RUTH ANN	560.72	ROBERTSON, ROGER & KAREN	394.05
NICKERSON, SARAH	925.00	ROGERS, CHRISTOPHER & WENDY	533.65
NICKERSON, SARAH	1,389.35	RUSSELL, GILMAN	1,134.05
NICKERSON, SARAH R.	479.59	RUSSELL, GILMAN	131.35
NIELSEN, CHRISTIAN J.	603.10	RUSSELL, GILMAN	793.65
NIELSEN, RICHARD D.	125.80	RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	810.30
* NOWELL, PETER &	1,372.59	RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	307.10
NOYES, LOIS M.	669.50	RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	858.40
NOYES, SCOTT	98.05	* RYAN, DENISE	1,675.32
O'DONNELL, JEWEL E. & TIMOTHY	1,085.95	RYAN, KENNETH W., JR.	764.05
OEDER, ELAINE (HEIRS)	2,401.30	SANBORN-GRAY, LISA C. &	4,317.90
O'KEEFE, HEATHER	2,443.85	SANTOS, NESTOR & ERLINDA A.	401.45
ORESTIS, CARLA	286.75	SANTOS, TANYA	9.25
* OSAHADA of MAINE, LLC.	1,849.85	SCHWEIKERT, DAVID L.	6,804.30
* OXTON, JEAN	286.75	SCHWEIKERT, DAVID L.	260.85
* PALMER, HARMONY S.	379.25	SEAMANS, LUANN ET AL	2,319.90
PALMER, STEPHEN S.	2,867.50	SEARSPORT BANK BUILDING LLC	2,697.30

2019 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

SEARSPORT BROADCASTING INC	427.35	WENZ, WILLIAM & JENNIFER	1,050.80
SEAVERS, SHANNON L.	429.20	WHITCOMB, RODNEY M. & LISA J.	2,806.45
SEAVEY, JOHN L.	305.38	* WIGGIN, CARLTON J., JR.	37.00
SEEKINS, BONNIE	677.10	* WIGGIN, CARLTON J., JR.	1,940.65
SEEKINS, LEROY, JR.	53.65	WIGGIN, KRISTIN M.	523.55
SEEKINS, SHAWN	858.40	WILBUR, TERRY A. & MICHELLE L.	1,108.15
SEEKINS, VICKI	314.50	WILLIAMS, ROSE	122.10
SHERER, STEPHEN B.	251.60	WINCHESTER, JAN & BLAKE, NORMAN	422.14
SHERER, STEPHEN B.	129.50	C.	
SHERER, STEPHEN B.	325.60	WOLO, LLC	3,176.45
SIMMONS, LISA J. &	3,367.00	WORKMAN, JUANITA	660.45
SINCLAIR, WAYNE	3,298.73	YORK, WINSTON	567.95
SMALL, PATRICIA	1,200.65	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	481.00
SMALL, PATRICIA	693.75	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,753.80
SMITH, BARBARA	1,920.30	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,761.20
SMITH, DAVID(HEIRS)	1,148.85		
SNODGRASS, SCOTT	532.50		
SORENSEN, PEER S. & ELEANOR M.	259.00		
SPRAGUE, ROBERT S. &	1,404.15		
STEMP, SHAWN F. & ANGIE S.	4,153.25		
STEVENS, CORY	88.80		
STEVENSON, CRAIG K.	2,001.70		
* STRICKLAND, KENNETH A. JR.	795.50		
* STRICKLAND, KENNETH A., JR. &	782.26		
KATHLEEN			
SYLVESTER, JOSHUA D. & CINDY A.	962.00		
SYLVIA, RUSSELL	305.25		
* TAFOYA, MATTHEW N.	394.05		
TALGO, ALAN LEIF	275.65		
TALGO, GREG	308.95		
TAMMEN, CRAIG M.	1,973.95		
TAUNGATUA, SIONE	571.65		
THOMPSON, MARCIA & RETHEL M., I	1,637.25		
THOMPSON, RICHARD & ROBERTA	2,153.40		
TINTO-MOREAU, SAXON L.A.	922.44		
* TUPPER, STEPHEN A. & GENEVA K.	3,722.20		
TYLER, JUSTIN & LISA LYNN	666.00		
* UPHAM, EDWARD D. & JUDIE P.	4,575.01		
VARNEY, SCOTT C.	963.85		
VILES, LAURIE A.	72.15		
WALDRON, ROBERT	109.15		
WALLACE, DEBRA	558.70		
WARD, CLARENCE, III & JAMIE	1,185.85		
WARD, FAYE	414.40		
WARDWELL, DANA M., JR.	2,055.35		
WARMAN, PHILIP A.	1,254.30		
WARREN, GLORIA	214.60		
WARREN, JOSEPH C.	1,333.85		
WEATHERBEE PROPERTIES, LLC	4,926.55		
WEBSTER, ANDREW D.	2,294.00		
WELLS, MELISSA	1,572.50		
		TOTAL	487,602.57

* DENOTES FULL OR PARTIAL PAYMENT
RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2019

2018 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

ADAMS, KENNETH & DOROTHY	609.92	HARRIMAN, BYRON & KATHY	2,383.22
ADAMS, MARY JANE, RICHARD E.	1,554.79	HARRIMAN, SANDRA K. (HEIRS)	878.57
ADAMS, (ETAL)		HECHT, KATHERINE C.	730.22
ARSENAULT, ALLEN	610.78	HERSOM, HEATHER	406.56
ASHEY, LELAND & LINDA	1,296.63	* HMC HOSPITALITY, LLC	13,259.39
ASHEY, SUMMER ROSE	1,375.62	HOOLEY, PAUL	4,760.18
BAIR, ADAM C. & MELISSA J.	2,733.86	HUSTUS, DALE, JR. (HEIRS)	877.71
* BENISSAN, MESSAN	3,233.91	HUTCHINSON, KATHRINE ROBIN, &	2,298.45
BORMET, DOROTHY	368.03	SPENCER, KRISTEN &	
BOUCHARD, INC.	2,290.74	* JORDAN, GEORGE TRUSTEE OF THE	2,151.74
BRAGDON, DALE	683.98	GEORGE JORDAN RE	
* BRAGDON, STEPHEN E.	1,119.39	JOSEPH, ZACHERY	263.99
* BUYERS, BRIAN H. & BEVERLY K.	4,646.94	* KENDALL, BENJAMN, JR. &	746.23
CALLAWAY, JENNY D.	2,275.33	ELIZABETH	
CARCHIDE, APRIL A.	402.71	KENISTON, JESSE	591.51
CATALDO, BARBARA R.	1,471.95	KILBY, LAURA K.	21.08
CHAPLES, GREGORY & KIMBERLY	472.06	KIMERY, TRUMAN A. &	1,785.98
CLARK, SHANNON	628.11	KINNEY, CASEY	200.42
CLEMENTS, APRIL DAWN	950.92	KINNEY, MAX R.	120.57
CONNOR, HERBERT JR. &	337.20	KRIENKE, NAIOME E.	1,799.47
CONNORS, DAVID E. & LINDA J.	1,709.99	LEALI, ROBERT(HEIRS)	651.23
* COTTRELL, DALE C. & LYNN M.	2,793.58	LEWIS, MISTY & CHARLIE	3,612.09
CROSBY, ROBERT &	1,581.77	LITTLEFIELD, SHARON E. & NATHAN	734.08
CURTIS, KENNETH	208.91	E.	
CURTIS, LARRY	454.72	LOCKE, ROBIN	450.01
DOLIBER, DUSTIN	273.63	LOCKE, ROBIN G. & RICHARD H.	977.89
DYER, CATHY A. & PAYSON, SAMUEL	1,049.18	LOUNDER, ERIC C. & RUTH I.	868.70
M.		LUCAS, MICHELLE ANN	581.88
EDMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	3,020.91	MARRINER, STEVEN G. II, &	1,335.17
ELLIS, MICHAEL A.(HEIRS)	1,458.47	SANDERS, TINA L.	
ELY, SCOTT	213.90	* MATTHEWS, DANIEL	1,748.58
ESTES, CATHERINE A.	1,762.86	MCGLAUFLIN, DANIEL J. &	4,679.69
FAIRBROTHER, ADAM	186.93	MCLELLAN, EDWARD & ANITA	1,392.96
FEURTADO, INEZ L. (HEIRS)	4,949.62	MCLELLAN, EDWARD & ANITA	2,034.51
FREEMAN, MANDY	323.72	MCLELLAN, EDWARD C. & ANITA H.	3,196.23
GENT, MELISSA	282.40	MERRY, BRITTANY L.	2,313.01
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	1,264.95	MERRY, DENNIS W.	886.27
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	1,803.32	MERRY, DENNIS W.	510.43
GRANT, KASSANDRA	231.24	MERRY, TINA L.	194.54
GRANT, KENNETH H. & JANET A.	635.82	MOODY, ANDREA	489.40
GRANT, KIRK & KRISTIE	924.81	MOON, DAVID	158.03
GRANT, NICK	134.91	MORIN, STEPHEN C.& KATHY D.	560.68
GRASS, JEFFREY A. & PAMELA J.	1,253.25	MOULTON, DARREN	350.69
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	387.29	MOULTON, KEVIN	827.57
HANSON, MICHELLE L.	2,821.62	MOULTON, MICHAEL SCOTT	601.14

2018 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

MOULTON, STEPHEN K., JR.	437.38	TAMMEN, CRAIG M.	2,120.35
NICKERSON, FRANCIS J.	1,001.78	THOMPSON, RICHARD & ROBERTA	2,307.23
NICKERSON, SARAH	643.49	TYLER, JUSTIN & LISA LYNN	751.42
NICKERSON, SARAH	1,112.03	VILES, LAURIE A.	132.99
NOYES, SCOTT	159.96	WALDRON, ROBERT	119.56
OEDER, ELAINE (HEIRS)	2,558.54	WALLACE, DEBRA	639.67
PEDDLE, NINA & DESIRAE D.	280.26	WARD, FAYE	206.02
POMEROY, HUGH A., JR. heirs	593.44	WARMAN, PHILIP A.	1,368.16
POMEROY, SHERYL	1,070.37	WARREN, GLORIA	281.33
POMEROY, STEVE & SHARON	77.12	* WEBSTER, ANDREW D. & TWYLER M	2,453.65
PRISCO, SUSAN	11,475.77	WELLS, MELISSA	1,695.43
RAMSEY, CHRISTOPHER & SHIRLEY	179.22	WENZ, WILLIAM & JENNIFER	1,158.99
RARICK, JOHN R., KIM A., & DEVIN I	1,806.72	WILBUR, TERRY A. & MICHELLE L.	1,236.91
REMILLARD, CHERYL	1,999.83	WILLIAMS, ROSE	185.00
RESH, DONALD H., JR.	591.21	WORKMAN, JUANITA	772.61
RICHMOND, ALAN L.	1,419.69	YORK, WINSTON	649.31
RIPLEY, TERRY & LISA	1,407.34	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	558.76
RIVERS, JOSHUA JAMES & DANIEL S.	1,643.42	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,884.24
RIVERS, PAUL M.	2,760.83	YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,121.61
ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC.	539.49		
ROBBINS, CINDY VIRGINIA	660.87	TOTAL	190,520.36
* ROBBINS, NICHOLAS	560.68		
ROBBINS, SHANNON LYNN	748.19		
ROBERTS, GARY & MARY	1,523.97		
ROBERTSON, ROGER & KAREN	468.21		
RUSSELL, GILMAN	884.35		
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	901.69		
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	377.66		
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	951.78		
RYAN, KENNETH W., JR.	853.52		
SANTOS, TANYA	67.48		
SEAMANS, LUANN ET AL	2,473.77		
SEARSPORT BROADCASTING INC	502.89		
SEAVERS, SHANNON L.	84.13		
SEEKINS, SHAWN	965.26		
SEEKINS, VICKI	385.37		
* SMALL, PATRICIA	342.68		
SMALL, PATRICIA	681.27		
SORENSEN, PEER S. & ELEANOR M.	327.57		
STEMP, SHAWN F. & ANGIE S.	4,383.00		
SYLVESTER, JOSHUA D. & CINDY A.	1,029.65		
TALGO, ALAN LEIF	344.91		
TALGO, GREG	379.59		

* DENOTES FULL OR PARTIAL PAYMENT
RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2019

2019 UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

CHURCH STREET CONSULTANTS	231.25
CONOPCO INC.	44.40
DR. LOREN BALDUS	664.15
GRAY,LISA & WILLIAM	125.80
HERETAKIS, JOHN	74.00
HMC HOSPITALITY,LLC	222.00
LISTON, MICHAEL R & BRENDA J.	148.00
RYAN, LLC	31.45
SEARSPORT TRADING, LLC	2220.00
SMITH, MERRILL	120.25
SOMMER, TIMOTHY	46.25
WEBSTER, ANDREW	166.50
TOTAL	4,094.05

2018 UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

DR. MICHAEL A. HOUSMAN	249.75
HERETAKIS, JOHN	74.00
* HMC HOSPITALITY, LLC	222.00
LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.	207.20
O'DONAVAN, E. JOHN & PATRICK	74.00
DOLE	
SMITH, MERRILL	120.25
SOMMER, TIMOTHY	46.25
WEBSTER, ANDREW	166.50
TOTAL	1,159.95

2017 UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

DR. MICHAEL HOUSMAN	309.76
HERETAKIS, JOHN	77.44
O'DONAVAN, E. JOHN & PATRICK	
DOLE	62.92
SMITH, MERRILL	152.46
SOMMER, TIMOTHY	55.66
TOTAL	658.24

*** DENOTES FULL OR PARTIAL PAYMENT
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2019 Motor Vehicle Transactions

Agriculture	25
Antique Vehicles	42
Animal Welfare	31
Barbara Bush	6
Black Bear Plates	33
Breast Cancer	35
Combination Plates	1
Commercial Vehicles	148
Conservation Plates	61
Disabled Veteran Plates	3
Farm	6
Firefighter Plates	5
Handicapped Plates	23
Lobster Plates	53
Motor Homes (Recreational Vehicles)	10
Motorcycles	96
Municipal	2
Passenger Plates (Chickadee)	1675
Special Equipment	1
Support Wildlife	41
Trailers	301
Troop Support	9
University of Maine Plates	5
Veteran Plates	72

Registration fees	\$109,481.00
Sales Tax	\$69,460.80
Title Fees	\$9,801.00
Excise Tax	\$482,723.43
Agent Fees	\$11,362.85
Total	\$682,829.08

2019 Dog Licensing

Males/Females (Capable of Reproducing)	44
Spayed/Neutered	249
State Fee Collected	\$1,187.00

2019 Hunting / Fishing Licenses Resident:

Archery	3
Bear	2
Complimentary	1
Coyote Night Hunt	6
Expanded Archery, Antlered & Antlerless	0
Hunt / Fish or Combo	43
Junior	11
Migratory Waterfowl	3
Muzzleloading	7
Saltwater Registry	12
Spring Turkey	10
Crossbow	2
Small Game	1
1 Day	2
Fish	103
Hunt	25
Superpack	1

2019 Hunting / Fishing Licenses Non Resident:

Season Fishing	5
7 Day Fishing	1
Total:	238

Registered Voters:

Republican	692
Democrat	619
Unenrolled	839
Green/Independent	112
Libertarian	0
Total:	2262

Shellfish Licenses:

There were 100 Shellfish Licenses allowed last year, beginning June 1st. These were issued on a first come, first serve basis. **15 non-resident** licenses were included in this total. There are an unlimited amount of 72 Hour Licenses.

Fees are as follows:

Resident (over 10 & under 65)	\$20.00
Non Resident (any age)	\$30.00
72 Hour (any age)	\$15.00

2019 Marriages

April	04/09/2019	Dana Melvin Wardwell Jr. <i>to</i> Robin Jean Peach
	04/20/2019	Frederick Tremaine Platt <i>to</i> Erica Marie Badger
May	05/06/2019	Bert Winston Folsom <i>to</i> Tanna Marie Moores
June	06/02/2019	Pamela Jean Larrabee <i>to</i> James Henry York, Jr.
	06/02/2019	Nicholas John LaBate <i>to</i> Hillary Lynn Gilmore
	06/16/2019	Brooke Deana Penney <i>to</i> Thomas Edward Littlefield
	06/22/2019	Jay Frankie Esprit <i>to</i> Erin Lindsay Curtis
	06/29/2019	Dustin Harold Sawyer <i>to</i> Brandee Jo Maddocks
July	07/27/2019	Robert Leland Cook <i>to</i> Carolyn Muriel LaCroix
August	08/03/2019	Mark Robinson McDougal <i>to</i> Katherine Ann Pelletier
September	09/15/2019	Dennis Francis LeSuer <i>to</i> Jessica Ann Hall
October	10/19/2019	Nicole Ashley Hall <i>to</i> Kevin Ray Keniston
	10/19/2019	Priscilla Martha Brown <i>to</i> Dana Allan Hayden
November	11/09/2019	Jessica Carrie Hall <i>to</i> Aaron Shane Talgo

2019 BIRTHS

Maine State Law prevents the Town from reporting the names of persons born.
In 2019 there were 13 births to residents of Searsport.

2019 DEATHS

January	01/13/2019	Robert J. Ellis, Age 82
	01/16/2019	Nancy Lee Field, Age 76
	01/26/2019	Colleen Marion York, Age 94
February	02/16/2019	Kari Jo Cross, Age 39
March	03/21/2019	Therese Mary Broome, Age 91
	03/25/2019	Gregory W. Parks, Age 66
	03/25/2019	Alana J. Rowe, Age 69
April	04/29/2019	John H. Ambrose Jr., Age 91
May	05/02/2019	Christiane Melahn, Age 89
	05/03/2019	John Stuart Merrithew, Age 72
	05/12/2019	Barbara C. Pearson, Age 89
	05/18/2019	Fremont Lee Tozier, Age 77
	05/24/2019	Ruth Ann Kettner, Age 70
	05/26/2019	Jacqueline P. Francis, Age 78
	05/31/2019	Norma M. Sweigert, Age 100
June	06/18/2019	Dorothy Merrill Wood, Age 99
July	07/10/2019	Robert Charles Gendron, Age 59
	07/17/2019	Marian R. Wood, Age 95
August	08/11/2019	Parker Smith Clements, Age 84
	08/31/2019	Juanita E. Dinsmore, Age 76

September	09/01/2019	Gene Henry Larrabee, Age 41
	09/10/2019	Althea M. Doliber, Age 88
	09/14/2019	Kelley Meigs, Age 96
October	10/05/2019	Cameron Bolles Watson, Age 63
	10/18/2019	John Joseph Sullivan, Age 81
	10/20/2019	Joan M. Faulkingham, Age 81
	10/27/2019	Rita Lynn Huddleston, Age 78
November	11/22/2019	Mark Frederick Koopman, Age 65
	11/24/2019	Jeremy Todd Hill, Age 17
December	12/15/2019	Barrett C. Curtis, Age 66
	12/15/2019	Philip Ewell Wolley, Sr., Age 89

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Searsport, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of towns proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of town contributions, and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Searsport's basic financial statements. The introductory section combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Bath, Maine

February 4, 2020

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Searsport, Maine

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, which collectively comprise the Town of Searsport's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2020. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Searsport's internal control over financial reporting of the financial statements audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Searsport's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bath, Maine

February 4, 2020

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ending December 31, 2019

As management of the Town of Searsport, we offer readers of the Town of Searsport's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial statements of the Town of Searsport for the year ending December 31, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to those financial statements.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Town of Searsport (the Town) using the integrated approach as prescribed by General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

The Government-Wide Financial Statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all assets of the Town, including infrastructure, as well as all liabilities, including long-term debt.

The Fund Financial Statements include statements for the governmental and fiduciary fund types. The governmental fund is the main operating fund of the Town. Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others.

REPORTING THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities of the Town using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's net position and changes in it. Net position is the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the Town's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases and decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other factors to consider are changes to the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure.

In the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, normally the Town's activities would be separated into Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities. Governmental activities include the Town's basic services including General Administration, Ambulance, Fire and Police Service, Public Works, and Planning and Development. Property tax, user fees, interest income, and state and federal grants finance these activities. Business-Type Activities include services that are financed by fees to the customer to cover all or most of the service provided. The Town has a Wastewater System.

REPORTING THE TOWN'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

The Fund Financial Statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Management establishes many funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, or other money.

Governmental Funds - All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed shorter-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent on the near future to finance the Town's programs. The differences of results in the Governmental Fund Financial Statements to those in the Government-Wide financial statements are explained in reconciliation statements.

THE TOWN AS A WHOLE (GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS)

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a Town's financial position. In the case of the Town of Searsport, assets exceeded liabilities by \$10,050,911.48 at the close of the year 2019. Exhibit A of the audit report has a detailed breakdown of the numbers listed below.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,994,882.76	\$ 195,671.53
Capital Assets	6,048,231.15	2,815,682.50
Deferred Outflows of Resources	107,218.63	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,150,332.54</u>	<u>\$ 3,011,354.03</u>
Long-Term Debt Outstanding	\$ 910,136.00	\$ 455,038.15
Other Liabilities	446,156.13	251,421.81
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,356,292.13</u>	<u>\$ 706,459.96</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 48,023.00</u>	<u>\$</u>
Net Position:		
Net invested in Capital Assets	\$ 5,138,095.15	\$ 2,360,644.35
Restricted for:		
Capital Reserve	879,473.66	44,493.93
Other Purposes	34,126.34	
Unrestricted	1,694,322.26	(100,244.21)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,746,017.41</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,894.07</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities decreased the Town of Searsport's net position by \$194,635.90. The cost of all Governmental Activities this year was \$6,741,389.27. The Town's programs include General Government, Public Assistance, Public Works, Education, Recreation and Cultural, County Tax Assessment, Public Safety, and Unclassified. The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	<u>Net (Expenses)</u>
General Government Activities:	
General Government	\$ (453,859.35)
Public Assistance	(26,738.93)
Public Works	(748,021.01)
Education	(3,226,852.84)
Recreation and Cultural	(137,265.82)
County Tax Assessment	(545,606.43)
Public Safety	(893,967.15)
Unclassified	(88,320.85)
Total General Government Activities	<u>\$(6,120,632.38)</u>
Business-Type Activities:	
Wastewater	(181,536.29)
Total Government and Business-Type Activities	<u><u>\$ (6,302,168.67)</u></u>

Education accounts for approximately 47.77% of the total expenditures within the governmental funds for the Town of Searsport. County Tax Assessment accounts for approximately 8.06% and General Government accounts for 10.56% of the total budget for 2019.

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for governmental activities accounting for approximately 76.66% of total revenues. Excise Tax accounted for approximately 7.25% of total revenues and intergovernmental revenue was 5.96% of revenue.

Changes in Unappropriated Surplus

Another indicator of a Town's financial health is its unappropriated surplus account, which is used to help reduce the amount of property tax revenue that needs to be raised each year and for unanticipated emergencies.

Unappropriated Surplus January 1, 2019	\$ 1,213,997.60
Increase:	
Operating Account Balances Lapsed	<u>208,861.77</u>
	<u>\$ 1,422,859.37</u>
Decreases:	
Appropriated at Town Meeting	\$ (170,000.00)
Increase in Deferred Property Taxes	(19,780.40)
	<u>\$ (189,780.40)</u>
Unappropriated Surplus December 31, 2019	<u><u>\$ 1,233,078.97</u></u>

The Unappropriated Surplus increased by \$19,081.37 for 2019 and \$100,331.90 for 2018. The increase in Surplus over the prior year was 1.57% in 2019 and 9.01% in 2018.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Debt, considered a liability of governmental activities, did decrease for the year 2019.

The Governmental Activity Debt Summary for the year 2019 is presented below:

Debt Payable prior to December 31, 2019	\$1,003,051.99
Debt Issued	-0-
Less Debt Retired	(92,915.99)
Remaining Debt for 2019	<u>\$ 910,136.00</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

The capital assets of the Town are those assets that are used in the performance of the Town's functions, including infrastructure assets. At December 31, 2019, net invested in capital assets of the government activities totaled \$5,138,095.15.

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Depreciation on capital assets is recognized in the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

In the current year the Town paved Block Road, Navy Street, Town Garage, and Station Avenue. We also completed improvements to Cottage Street to upgrade the road to be safer and last longer. We purchased a dump body and an International Truck, upgraded the Public Access Channel equipment, completed the heat pump project at the Town Office, and replaced the roofs at the Town Office and Library. We also purchased roll-off containers for the Transfer Facility.

The breakdown of the Town of Searsport's Capital Assets is illustrated in Note N of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

General Fund Budget Variances

Overall there were no significant deviations from the approved budget through good financial management throughout the year.

The tax commitment showed an increase in valuation in the community due to the revaluation that was completed in the current year. The tax rate was set by the Assessor at \$18.50 per \$1,000.00 of valuation and was the same as the prior year.

The Budget

The budget for fiscal year 2020 has been put together for Town Meeting to be held in March 2020. Not being passed yet there is nothing definitive to report.

As of December 31, 2019, the Town is in solid financial shape due to years of increased revenues and sound financial management by department heads and management.

THE FUTURE

The Town engaged the engineering services of Wright Pierce Engineering to develop a downtown plan last year. This plan is the guide that is now leading us to a downtown tax increment-financing (TIF) district. We are currently working with the report and with Bernstein Shur Law to help develop the parameters of the Downtown TIF zone. Other communities that have developed such zones have seen business grow in the areas covered. We are hoping for the same success. Our Economic Development Director, Dean Bennett; Code Enforcement Officer, Randy Hall; Planning Board Chair, George Kerper, and I all continue to help small businesses start up or relocate to Searsport. The improving economy is helping with our efforts.

Dean Bennett and I continue to attend CruiseMaine meetings and planning sessions to offer Searsport as a destination for cruise ships. We continue our work with a passenger railroad enthusiast from Canada with their effort to bring passengers to the coast of Maine. Both of these efforts are exciting because we realize that Searsport has a lot to offer visitors.

We are still working with the Maine Ocean School, a magnet school for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering. The legislation that created the school passed in the 127th Legislature. The doors opened last year welcoming 12 students from across the state. This year the school grew to 14, and recruiting has already identified an additional six students for next year. They are early in the recruiting process and their goal is a school population of thirty next year.

The Town continues to work with several different entities including the Maine Department of Transportation on the plan to rebuild Main Street from Savage Road to Station Avenue. The plan remains fully funded and is in the MDOT work plan for construction in early 2021. We have new businesses that have located to the East side of town within the rebuild area and we plan to make the roadway more welcoming to additional business. The enhancement of downtown should be very good for business attraction as well. Several of the downtown buildings have recently changed owners and in my discussions with them, they are excited about the project and the chance to open new shops.

We have developed a committee to plan for our 175th birthday party. This committee is scheduling events, getting ready to buy promotional merchandise, and developing a commemorative anniversary book. Our celebration will take place the week before the 4th of July in 2020. We are now adding a gathering of schooners on July 13th and 14th with a picnic in the park, band, and fireworks.

The Town is also involved with the State of Maine and the University of Maine on the development and implementation of off shore wind. A number of years ago during a public meeting we asked residents what they wanted to see for the future. The answer from those in attendance was to find a project that was good for us and would be a good fit for the community. At that point, we started learning more about off shore wind. We continue to work with the State and the University to see if Searsport can play a role in this development.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to give our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, creditors, and other interested parties a general overview of the Town's financial status and accountability of revenues and expenditures. If you have any questions about this report please contact the Treasurer at 1 Union Street, P.O. Box 499, Searsport, ME 04974, by phone 207-548-6372, or email manager@searsport.maine.gov.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of Searsport conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Searsport was incorporated in 1845. The Town operates under a town meeting form of government.

In evaluating the Town of Searsport as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units. The primary criteria for including a component reporting entity are the exercise of financial accountability by the Town of Searsport's municipal officials.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental. The Town's fire protection, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position, the governmental column is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's net position is reported in three parts - net invested in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statements of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions and business-type activities (fire, public works, administrative, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statements of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, and operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (fire, public works, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

a. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Town:

1. General Fund:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Capital Reserves:

Capital Reserve Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for specific projects as determined by the town's management.

3. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support town programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

4. Enterprise Fund:

The Enterprise Fund is the fund used to account for all financial resources relating to the Wastewater Department. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

4. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied:

a. Accrual:

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

b. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e. both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

5. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Statutes authorize the Treasurer of the Town, as directed by the municipal officers, to invest all municipal funds, including reserve and trust funds, to the extent that the terms of the instrument, order, or article creating the fund do not prohibit the investment, in financial institutions as described in Section 5706 MRSA and securities as described in Sections 5711 through 5717 MRSA.

b. Accounts Receivable:

Receivables include federal grants, state subsidies, town assessments and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2019.

c. Investments:

Investments, including deferred compensation and pension funds, are stated at fair value (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont'd)

d. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years
Improvements	10-20 Years
Infrastructure	10-50 Years

e. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources:

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. The deferred outflows relate to the net pension liability, which include the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which is recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. They also include changes in assumptions, differences between expected and actual experience, and changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which are deferred and amortized over the average, expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members in the plan.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows relate to the net pension liability, which include the differences between expected and actual experience and changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which is deferred and amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members in the plan. They also include the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, which is deferred and amortized over a five-year period.

f. Revenues:

Substantially, all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. In applying GASB No. 33 to grant revenues the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont'd)

g. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

h. Compensated Absences:

The Town accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave and associated employee-related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

i. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

j. Fund Balance:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the Town employs terminology and classifications for fund balance items as follows:

Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, or that are legally required to be maintained intact. The fund balance of the Town's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund is classified as nonspendable.

Restricted fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of legislation or restrictions imposed by donors. The school budget carryforward amount and the fund balances of the Special Revenue Funds are classified as restricted.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. Budget carryforward amounts (other than the school budget) and the fund balances in the Capital Projects Fund and the Cemetery Maintenance Fund are in this category.

Unassigned fund balance are all amounts in the General Fund that are not assigned to another category. Only the General Fund can have an unassigned fund balance.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

6. Implementation of New Accounting Standards

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

- a. Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations". The objective of the Statement is to address accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.
- b. Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities". The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The town is currently evaluating whether the government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists to determine if the fiduciary fund should be included in the basic financial statements of future years.
- c. Statement No. 88, "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements". The primary objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. This Statement defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements

- a. Statement No. 87, "Leases", effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements (Cont'd)

- b. Statement No. 89, "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period", effective the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This Statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.
- c. Statement No. 90, "Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61", effective for the fiscal year end June 30, 2020. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.

8. Subsequent Events

The Town of Searsport has evaluated the subsequent events through February 4, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were identified which require accrual or disclosure.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash

The Town's cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These Categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town's name.

Category #2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category #3 - Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.)

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NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D):

At December 31, 2019 cash consisted of:

ACCOUNT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	BANK BALANCE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Interest Bearing					
Accounts	\$ 589,491.99	\$ 589,491.99	\$ 589,491.99	\$	\$
Non-Interest					
Bearing Accounts	142,552.24	165,796.11	165,796.11		
	<u>\$ 732,044.23</u>	<u>\$ 755,288.10</u>	<u>\$ 755,288.10</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

Investments

The Town's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Investments that are insured or registered, or securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category #2 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category #3 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

INVESTMENT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Money Market	\$ 923,633.10	\$ 928,281.05	\$ 928,281.05	\$	\$
Treasury Bonds	977,703.00	977,703.00	977,703.00		
	<u>\$ 1,901,336.10</u>	<u>\$ 1,905,984.05</u>	<u>\$ 1,905,984.05</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Accounts Receivable consist of the following:

State of Maine - General Assistance	\$ 13,545.38
State of Maine - Homestead Reimbursement	45,335.42
Other Governments	14,547.65
Miscellaneous	923.00
Maine Community Foundation	52,415.07
Ambulance Fees	67,573.21
Wastewater Department	116,553.08
	<u>\$ 310,892.81</u>

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NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	BALANCE 1/1/19	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	BALANCE 12/31/19
General Fund:				
United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan	\$ 349,245.82	\$	\$ 15,559.36	\$ 333,686.46
United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan	126,583.88		5,232.19	121,351.69
KS State Bank - Defibrillator Loan	3,051.99		3,051.99	
Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Road Bond	1,000,000.00		89,864.00	910,136.00
	<u>\$ 1,478,881.69</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 113,707.54</u>	<u>\$ 1,365,174.15</u>

Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2019 is as follows:

United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan This note is for 30 years with annual payments of \$30,819.00. Interest at a rate of 4.38% is payable annually.	\$ 333,686.46
United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan This note is for 30 years with annual payments of \$10,612.00. Interest at a rate of 4.25% is payable annually.	121,351.69
Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Road Bond This note is for 10 years and interest varies from 1.920% to 2.990%. An interest only payment is due in May and a principal and interest payment is due in November.	910,136.00
	<u>\$ 1,365,174.15</u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
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NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT'D):

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2019 follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2020	\$ 113,343.58	\$ 43,587.74	\$ 156,931.32
2021	116,257.01	40,675.01	156,932.02
2022	119,374.36	37,557.22	156,931.58
2023	122,698.43	34,233.07	156,931.50
2024	126,230.07	30,701.27	156,931.34
2025-2029	576,458.43	92,698.95	669,157.38
2030-2034	180,731.56	26,393.03	207,124.59
2035-2039	10,080.71	428.43	10,509.14
	<u>\$ 1,365,174.15</u>	<u>\$ 306,274.72</u>	<u>\$ 1,671,448.87</u>

NOTE E - SHORT-TERM DEBT:

The Town of Searsport obtained a Tax Anticipation Note on April 4, 2019 for \$1,500,000.00 due in full on December 31, 2019. Interest was at a rate of 2.61% based on a 365-day year. The note was paid off on October 8, 2019.

NOTE F - GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

The Town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated, but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

NOTE G - ASSIGNED FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Historically, the townspeople vote to carry certain departmental unexpended balances forward to the following year for expenditure. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

Cemetery Lot Sales	\$ 3,725.00
Town Office Heat Pump Project	<u>3,458.00</u>
	<u>\$ 7,183.00</u>

NOTE H - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue at December 31, 2019 consists of the following:

Prepaid 2020 Taxes	\$ 5,444.02
Excess Revenue Sharing Receipts	<u>71,887.58</u>
	<u>\$ 77,331.60</u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

NOTE I - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

During the year expenditures exceeded total revenue and appropriations in the following general fund categories:

FUNCTION	REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE
Miscellaneous	\$ 43,673.64	\$ 62,833.10	\$ (19,159.46)
Abatements and Supplemental Taxes	\$	\$ 11,776.92	\$ (11,776.92)
State Highway Funds	\$ 46,764.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (3,236.00)
Homestead	\$ 183,756.19	\$ 184,085.42	\$ (329.23)
General Assistance	\$ 47,898.95	\$ 58,669.03	\$ (10,770.08)
Recreation	\$ 34,155.00	\$ 34,864.00	\$ (709.00)

Historically, the Town has not appropriated funds for the abatements, but rather funds the expenditure through other unappropriated revenues or unappropriated surplus. Miscellaneous general fund revenues and State Highway Funds were less than anticipated. Highway and Streets and General Assistance expenditures were greater than anticipated.

NOTE J - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES:

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied July 22, 2019 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2019 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on September 9, 2019 with interest at 5.0% per annum or part thereof commencing October 11, 2019. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized only to the extent it will be collected within 60 days following the year end. The deferred tax revenue shown on the balance sheet represents property taxes not expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end.

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those taxes expected to be collected within 60 days after year end as stated above. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

NOTE K - INTEREST COST INCURRED:

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling \$60,001.00 which was charged as an expense to various operating accounts.

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NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description - Employees of the Town are provided with pensions through the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Consolidated Plan for Local Participating Districts (PLD Plan), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, administered by the Maine Public Employers Retirement System (MPERS). Benefit terms are established in Maine statute. MPERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.mainebers.org.

Benefits Provided - The PLD Plan provides defined retirement benefits based on members' average final compensation and service credit earned as of retirement. Vesting (i.e. eligibility for benefits upon reaching qualification) occurs upon the earning of five years of service credit. In some cases, vesting occurs on the earning of one year of service credit immediately preceding retirement at or after normal retirement age. For PLD members, normal retirement age is 60 (65 for new members to the PLD Plan on or after July 1, 2014). The normal retirement age is determined by whether a member had met certain creditable service requirements on specific dates, as established by statute. The monthly benefit of members who retire before normal retirement age by virtue of having at least 25 years of service credit is reduced by a statutorily prescribed factor for each year of age that a member is below her/his normal retirement age at retirement. MPERS also provides disability and death benefits, which are established by contract under applicable statutory provisions (PLD Plan).

Contributions - Employee contribution rates are defined by law or Board rule and depend on the terms of the plan under which an employee is covered. Employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuations. The contractually required contribution rates are actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

PLD Plan - Employees are required to contribute 8% of their annual pay. The Town's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2019, was 7.4% of annual payroll for the regular plan. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town were \$39,821.98 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liabilities were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liabilities were based on projections of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating local districts (PLD Plan), actuarially determined.

PLD Plan - At December 31, 2019, the Town reported a liability of \$164,997.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. At June 30, 2018, the Town's proportion of the PLD Plan was .060290%.

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NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT'D):

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Town recognized pension gain of \$38,050.62 for the PLD Plan. At December 31, 2019, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 517.00	\$
Changes in Assumptions	26,334.00	
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	21,631.00	
Contribution subsequent to valuation date	56,571.63	
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings of plan investments		1,812.00
Changes in Proportion		3,421.00
Total	<u><u>\$ 105,053.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,233.00</u></u>

\$56,571.63 is reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liabilities in the year ended December 31, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:

2019	\$ 41,525.00
2020	\$ (715.00)
2021	\$(27,103.00)
2022	\$(10,287.00)

Actuarial assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>PLD Plan</u>
Salary Increases, per year	2.75% to 9.00%
Investment return, per annum, compounded annually	6.75%
Cost of living benefit increases, per annum	1.91%

Mortality rates were based on the RP2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for Males and Females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

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NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT'D):

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Public Equities	30.0%	6.0%
US Government	7.5%	2.3%
Private Equity	15.0%	7.6%
Real Estate:		
Real Estate	10.0%	5.2%
Infrastructure	10.0%	5.3%
Natural Resources	5.0%	5.0%
Traditional Credit	7.5%	3.0%
Alternative Credit	5.0%	4.2%
Fixed Income Diversifiers	10.0%	5.9%

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75% for the PLD Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating local districts will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plans' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liabilities.

Sensitivity of the Town of Searsport's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the Town of Searsport's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% for the PLD Plan as well as what the Town of Searsport's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (5.75% for PLD Plan) or 1 percentage-point higher (7.75% for PLD Plan) than the current rate:

<u>PLD Plan</u>	<u>1% Decrease (5.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.75%)</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 388,877.00	\$ 164,997.00	\$ (44,269.00)

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPERS financial report.

Payables to the pension plan - None as of December 31, 2019.

Changes of benefit terms - None

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NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT'D):

Changes of Assumptions - The PLD Plan changed the discount rate from 6.875% in the 2016 valuation to 6.75% in the 2017 valuation. The PLD Plan also changed the cost of living benefits decrease from 2.55% in the 2016 valuation to 1.91% in the 2017 valuation.

NOTE M - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

Plan Description

The Group Life Insurance Plan for Retiring Participating Local District (PLD Consolidated Plan) employees is a multiple-employer cost sharing plan. As of June 30, 2018, there were 138 employers participating in the plan.

Benefits

The Group Life Insurance Plans (the Plans) provide basis group life insurance benefits during retirement to retirees who participated in the Plans prior to retirement for a minimum of 10 years (the 10-year participation requirement does not apply to recipients of disability retirement benefits). The level of coverage in retirement is initially set to an amount equal to the retiree's average final compensation. The initial amount of basic life is then subsequently reduced at a rate of 15% per year to the greater of 40% of the initial amount or \$2,500.00.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Town of Searsport recognized OPEB expense of \$42.00 for the PLD Plan. At December 31, 2019, the Town of Searsport's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources were:

	PLD Plan	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 802.00	\$ 499.00
Changes of Assumptions	609.00	1,754.00
Changes in proportion and differences between employer premiums and proportionate share of premiums	754.00	696.00
	<u>\$ 2,165.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,949.00</u>

Projected amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>PLD Plan</u>
2019	\$ (255.00)
2020	\$ (255.00)
2021	\$ (255.00)
2022	\$ (161.00)
2023	\$ 143.00

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The collective total OPEB liability for the plans was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, using the following methods and assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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NOTE M - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONT'D):

Actuarial Cost Method

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the provisions of the Plans in effect at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of premium costs between the employer and plan members. Actuarial methods and assumptions include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of the assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the funding methodologies. Costs are developed using the individual entry age normal cost method based on a level percentage of payroll. Experience gains and losses, i.e., actual decreases or increases in the liabilities and/or in assets which differ from the actuarial assumptions, affect the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Asset Valuation Method

Investments are reported at fair value.

Amortization

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a 30-year period on a closed basis. As of December 31, 2019, there were 20 years remaining in the amortization schedule for the SET Plan and 13 years remaining for the PLD Plan. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study conducted for the period of June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions

Significant actuarial assumptions employed by the actuary for funding purposes as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	<u>PLD Plan</u>
Inflation	2.75%
Annual Salary Increases Including Inflation	2.75% - 9.00%
Investment Rate of Return	6.75% per annum, compounded annually
Participation Rates for Future Retirees	100% of those currently enrolled
Conversion Charges	Apply to the cost of active group life insurance, not retiree group life insurance.
Form of Benefit Payment	Lump Sum
Mortality Rates	For active members and non-disabled retirees of the Plans, the RP2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, for males and females, is used. For all recipients of disability benefits, the RP2014 Total Dataset Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table, for males and females, is used. These tables are adjusted by percentages ranging from 104% to 120% based on actuarially determined demographic differences.

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NOTE M - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONT'D):

Assets of the Plans are pooled for investment purposes and are allocated to each Plan based on each Plan's fiduciary net position. The long-term expected rate of return on the Plan's investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major class of assets. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of long-term real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of December 31, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public Equities	70.0%	6.0%
Real Estate	5.0%	5.2%
Traditional Credit	16.0%	3.0%
US Government	9.0%	2.3%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability for the PLD Plan was 6.75% which is a blend of the assumed long-term expected rate of return of 6.875% and a municipal bond index rate of 3.58%, based on the Bond Buyer GO 20-Year Municipal Bond Index as of June 30, 2018. Projections of the Plan's fiduciary net position indicate that it is not expected to be sufficient to make projected benefit payments for current members beyond 2052. Therefore, the portion of future projected benefit payments after 2052 are discounted at the municipal bond index rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Town of Searsport's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% for the PLD Plan as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
PLD Plan			
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 12,556.00	\$ 9,504.00	\$ 7,097.00

Pension Plan Financial and Actuarial Information

Additional financial information and actuarial information can be found in the Maine PERS' Actuarial Valuation Reports available online at www.mainebers.org or contacting the System at (207)512-3100.

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NOTE N - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets at December 31, 2019:

	BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2019	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019
Governmental Activities				
Land and Improvements	\$ 1,008,649.64	\$	\$	\$ 1,008,649.64
Buildings	3,234,469.84	38,636.45		3,273,106.29
Equipment	1,089,328.27	56,809.90	(5,000.00)	1,141,138.17
Motor Vehicles	1,969,228.51	93,458.00		2,062,686.51
Infrastructure	6,187,965.54	125,521.51		6,313,487.05
	<u>\$ 13,489,641.80</u>	<u>\$ 314,425.86</u>	<u>\$ (5,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ 13,799,067.66</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,302,754.03)	(453,082.48)	5,000.00	(7,750,836.51)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 6,186,887.77</u>	<u>\$ (138,656.62)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 6,048,231.15</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Land and Improvements	\$ 54,583.00	\$	\$	\$ 54,583.00
Buildings	3,301,013.27			3,301,013.27
Equipment	180,436.03			180,436.03
Wastewater Treatment	4,726,060.85			4,726,060.85
	<u>\$ 8,262,093.15</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 8,262,093.15</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,288,395.26)	(188,090.39)		(5,476,485.65)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 2,973,697.89</u>	<u>\$ (188,090.39)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,785,607.50</u>

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$641,172.87. Of that amount, \$12,971.56 was for Administration, \$264,664.37 was for Public Works, \$157,835.67 was for Public Safety, \$9,851.40 was for the Transfer Facility, \$7,759.48 was for Recreation and Cultural, and \$188,090.39 was for Wastewater.

NOTE O - OVERLAPPING DEBT:

The Town of Searsport is situated in Waldo County and is therefore subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of county expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in Waldo County, for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the County defaulted, was zero at December 31, 2019.

The Town of Searsport is a participant in Regional School Unit 20 (RSU #20) and is subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of school expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in RSU #20 for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the school defaulted is approximately \$4,248,754.00 at June 30, 2019. The Town of Searsport's share would be 55.13% of the debt, or approximately \$2,342,338.00.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

NOTE P - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

As of December 31, 2019, interfund loans receivable and payable were as follows:

FUND	INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	INTERFUND PAYABLE	TRANSFERS
General Fund	\$ 368,312.97	\$ 54,545.82	\$ (407,930.38)
Wastewater		249,254.64	
Capital Reserves		119,058.33	413,930.38
Special Revenues	19,717.43		(6,000.00)
Trust Funds	34,828.39		
	<u>\$ 422,858.79</u>	<u>\$ 422,858.79</u>	<u>\$</u>

The purpose of interfund loans is to charge revenues and expenditures to the appropriate fund when that activity is accounted for through the centralized checking account. The balances represent each fund's portion of the centralized checking account.

NOTE Q - DEFICIT FUND BALANCES:

Deficit in fund balance was reported in the following fund and is expected to be funded in future years:

Cemetery Reserve \$ 17,413.44

NOTE R - TAX ABATEMENTS:

On February 16, 2016 the taxpayers of the Town of Searsport approved forming a Tax Increment Finance District on approximately 4 acres in town. As part of this District, the Town of Searsport entered into a credit enhancement agreement with PPSA Overseas Ltd. The credit enhancement agreement allows for 65% of the property taxes, approximately \$49,678.00, in 2019, to be returned to the developer and 35% of the property taxes to be retained by the Town, approximately \$26,750.00 in 2019. The funds retained by the Town can be used for economic development projects within the town.

NOTE S - SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT:

The Town of Searsport is one of three beneficiaries of the James Nichols Trust. Key Private Bank serves as the trustee of the James Nichols Trust and handles all calculations of distributions for the Trust. In the current year, the Trust distributed \$12,312.71 to the Town of Searsport based on assets held by the trust totaling \$451,496.60.

NOTE T - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	\$ 5,172,883.05	\$ 5,141,325.73
Excise Taxes	393,000.00	486,365.13
Intergovernmental Revenues	399,942.42	399,613.19
Recreation and Cultural	6,000.00	4,874.41
General Government	204,461.14	197,697.23
Public Assistance	10,000.00	22,898.95
Public Works	53,000.00	53,409.57
Public Safety	185,247.00	170,613.65
Miscellaneous	108,872.00	125,981.47
Interest		39,408.38
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 6,533,405.61</u>	<u>\$ 6,642,187.71</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Education	\$ 3,226,852.84	\$ 3,226,852.84
General Government	641,578.00	637,326.66
Public Assistance	25,969.00	49,637.88
Public Works	490,661.00	483,164.67
Public Safety	942,152.00	924,956.71
Recreation and Cultural	130,602.00	127,492.56
Special Assessments	544,689.51	544,689.51
Miscellaneous	213,477.00	183,131.80
Debt Service	15,000.00	10,697.42
Capital Expenditures		16,542.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,230,981.35</u>	<u>\$ 6,204,492.05</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 302,424.26</u>	<u>\$ 437,695.66</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating Transfers - Out	\$ (430,749.52)	\$ (421,156.29)
Operating Transfers - In	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (424,749.52)</u>	<u>\$ (415,156.29)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under)		
Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (122,325.26)</u>	<u>\$ 22,539.37</u>
Fund Balance, January 1	1,217,722.60	1,217,722.60
Fund Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 1,095,397.34</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,240,261.97</u></u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Cash Balance, January 1, 2019 \$ 885,208.44

ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Collections:		
Current Year	\$ 4,636,394.65	
Prior Years	485,142.52	
Prepayments	<u>5,444.02</u>	
Total Property Tax Collections		\$ 5,126,981.19
Excise Taxes		486,365.13
Departmental (Schedule A-4)		471,530.42
Temporary Loans		1,500,000.00
State Revenue Sharing		229,916.30
State Highway Funds		46,764.00
Homestead Reimbursement		177,234.00
Accounts Receivable		90,293.80
State Fees		9,139.95
Payroll Withholdings		959.40
Special Revenue Funds		6,425.57
Trust Fund Receipts		14,427.11
Contributions/Grants Capital Reserves		38,856.04
Transfer from Capital Reserves		914,237.63
Wastewater Revenue		<u>292,955.54</u>
Total Cash Receipts		<u>9,406,086.08</u>
Total Cash Available		<u>\$ 10,291,294.52</u>

LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental (Schedule A-4)	\$ 6,168,877.18	
Repayment of Temporary Loans	1,500,000.00	
Accounts Payable	57,012.29	
State Fees	9,608.10	
Payroll Withholdings	1,312.62	
Special Revenue Expenses	5,540.30	
Capital Reserve Expenses	574,658.96	
Transfer to Capital Reserve	939,122.01	
Transfer to Trust Funds	1,025.00	
Trust Account Expenses	3,491.05	
Wastewater Expense	315,805.94	
Jenny Lawrence Expense	<u>12,912.33</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>9,589,365.78</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2019		<u><u>\$ 701,928.74</u></u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1, 2019			\$ 1,213,997.60
INCREASE:			
Operating Account Balances Lapsed - Net (Schedule A-4)			208,861.77
Total Available			<u>\$ 1,422,859.37</u>
DECREASE:			
Increase in Deferred Property Taxes	\$	19,780.40	
Appropriated at Town Meeting		<u>170,000.00</u>	
			189,780.40
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31, 2019			<u><u>\$ 1,233,078.97</u></u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/19	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/19
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education	\$ -	\$ 3,226,852.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,226,852.84	\$ 3,226,852.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County Tax		495,011.83			495,011.83	495,011.83			
Overlay		41,674.74			41,674.74			41,674.74	
TIF Financing	\$ -	76,427.20	\$ -	\$ -	76,427.20	49,677.68	26,749.52		
	\$ -	\$ 3,839,966.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,839,966.61	\$ 3,771,542.35	\$ 26,749.52	\$ 41,674.74	\$ -
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Selectmen	\$ -	\$ 8,524.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,524.00	\$ 7,230.76	\$ 107.00	\$ 1,186.24	\$ -
Manager		98,891.00	289.00		99,180.00	93,971.89	5,000.00	208.11	
Administration		268,654.00	350.00	1,907.76	270,911.76	266,238.09	4,673.67		
Code Enforcement		31,928.00			31,928.00	29,825.01		2,102.99	
Physical Plant		19,650.00			19,650.00	19,210.00		440.00	
Insurance/Legal		106,000.00			106,000.00	106,422.44	892.50	1,234.06	
Shellfish		3,450.00	2,549.00		6,710.00	1,579.87	3,450.00	1,680.13	
Animal Control		13,000.00	1,338.00		14,338.00	7,903.14	3,000.00	3,434.86	
Town Office		14,930.00			14,930.00	12,817.70	2,859.18		
Assessor		71,651.00	168.49	746.88	71,819.49	68,446.81	51.50	3,321.18	
Miscellaneous			43,673.64		43,673.64	8,878.10	53,955.00	(19,159.46)	
Homestead				183,756.19	183,756.19		184,085.42	(329.23)	
State Revenue Sharing				215,857.00	215,857.00		215,857.00		
Planning Board		4,800.00	3,038.10		7,838.10	2,910.04	2,000.00	2,928.06	
Appeals Board		100.00			100.00	40.60		59.40	
Abatements and Supplemental Taxes							11,776.92	(11,776.92)	
Interest			39,408.38		39,408.38			39,408.38	
BETE	\$ -	\$ 641,578.00	\$ 236,182.61	\$ 402,267.83	\$ 1,280,028.44	\$ 635,474.45	\$ 142,056.14	\$ 51.86	\$ -
PUBLIC SAFETY:									
Police	\$ -	\$ 349,878.00	\$ 17,020.32	\$ 15,498.88	\$ 382,397.20	\$ 343,425.79	\$ 38,971.41	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety Building		24,890.00			24,890.00	22,010.54	1,605.91	1,273.55	
Fire Department		81,980.00	3,103.82		85,083.82	78,181.29	836.90	6,065.63	
Street Lights		28,000.00		2,873.67	30,873.67	28,312.20	2,561.47		
Hydrant Rental		213,084.00			213,084.00	213,084.00			
Emergency Management		13,539.00		6,000.00	19,539.00	12,286.22	6,030.02	1,222.76	
Ambulance		230,781.00	68,368.65	71,087.40	370,237.05	228,362.55	141,874.50		
	\$ -	\$ 942,152.00	\$ 88,492.79	\$ 95,459.95	\$ 1,126,104.74	\$ 925,662.59	\$ 191,880.21	\$ 8,561.94	\$ -
PUBLIC WORKS:									
Highways and Streets	\$ -	\$ 467,561.00	\$ 2,142.00	\$ -	\$ 469,703.00	\$ 454,414.29	\$ 11,300.39	\$ 3,988.32	\$ -
Harbor Master		19,100.00	4,503.57		23,603.57	14,293.01	3,083.75	6,226.81	
State Highway Funds				46,764.00	46,764.00		50,000.00	(3,236.00)	
Road Book	\$ -	4,000.00			4,000.00	2,991.98	81.25	926.77	
	\$ -	\$ 490,661.00	\$ 6,645.57	\$ 46,764.00	\$ 544,070.57	\$ 471,699.28	\$ 64,465.39	\$ 7,905.90	\$ -

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/19	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/19
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:									
General Assistance	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 9,353.57	\$ 13,545.38	\$ 47,898.95	\$ 48,247.04	\$ 10,421.99	\$ (10,770.08)	\$ -
Health Officer	\$ -	969.00			969.00	968.85		0.15	-
	\$ -	\$ 25,969.00	\$ 9,353.57	\$ 13,545.38	\$ 48,867.95	\$ 49,215.89	\$ 10,421.99	\$ (10,769.93)	\$ -
RECREATION AND CULTURAL:									
Recreation	\$ -	\$ 29,750.00	\$ 4,405.00	\$ -	\$ 34,155.00	\$ 28,411.20	\$ 6,452.80	\$ (709.00)	\$ -
Library	\$ -	100,102.00	469.41		100,571.41	97,561.57	940.07	2,069.77	-
Historic Preservation	\$ -	750.00			750.00	126.92		623.08	-
	\$ -	\$ 130,602.00	\$ 4,874.41	\$ -	\$ 135,476.41	\$ 126,099.69	\$ 7,392.87	\$ 1,983.85	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE:									
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,697.42	\$ -	\$ 4,302.58	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS:									
Sale of TAP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,335.91	\$ -	\$ 20,335.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,335.91	\$ -
Cemetery Lot Sales	3,725.00				3,725.00				3,725.00
Mosman Park		3,000.00			3,000.00	2,754.94		245.06	
Holiday Decorations/Events		4,300.00			4,300.00	3,110.34		1,189.66	
Video System		28,872.00	32,052.86		60,924.86	28,469.13	32,085.36	370.37	
Contingency		30,000.00			30,000.00	1,485.00	16,296.65	12,218.35	
Transfer Station		104,040.00	73,592.70		177,632.70	94,959.10	82,085.05	588.55	
Excise Taxes				486,365.13	486,365.13		393,000.00	93,365.13	
Economic Development		600.00			600.00			600.00	
Septage		2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00			
Social Service Agencies		40,665.00			40,665.00	39,165.00		1,500.00	
	\$ 3,725.00	\$ 213,477.00	\$ 125,981.47	\$ 486,365.13	\$ 829,548.60	\$ 171,943.51	\$ 523,467.06	\$ 130,413.03	\$ 3,725.00
CAPITAL RESERVES:									
175th Year Anniversary	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance		10,000.00			10,000.00		10,000.00		
Ambulance Equipment		6,500.00			6,500.00		6,500.00		
Public Works		20,000.00			20,000.00		20,000.00		
Road Maintenance		275,000.00			275,000.00		275,000.00		
Fire Department		30,000.00			30,000.00		30,000.00		
Police Cruiser		8,000.00			8,000.00		8,000.00		
Wharf Repair		2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00		
Property Revaluation		1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00		
Cemetery Equipment		500.00			500.00		500.00		
Building Repair		15,000.00			15,000.00		15,000.00		
Computer		500.00			500.00		500.00		
Sidewalks		1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00		
Public Safety Building Repairs		10,000.00			10,000.00		10,000.00		
Library		2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00		
Transfer Station		500.00			500.00		500.00		
Town Office Heat Pump Project		20,000.00			20,000.00	16,542.00			3,458.00
	\$ -	\$ 404,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 404,000.00	\$ 16,542.00	\$ 384,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,458.00
	\$ 3,725.00	\$ 6,703,405.61	\$ 471,530.42	\$ 1,044,402.29	\$ 8,223,063.32	\$ 6,168,877.18	\$ 1,838,141.37	\$ 208,861.77	\$ 7,183.00

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
VALUATION, ASSESSMENT, AND COLLECTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

VALUATION:

Real Estate	\$ 269,344,300.00
Personal Property	10,271,000.00
	<u>\$ 279,615,300.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (\$279,615,300.00 x .0185)	\$ 5,172,883.05
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COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	\$ 4,636,394.65	
Abatements	5,572.20	
Prepayments	<u>6,715.93</u>	
Total Collections and Credits		4,648,682.78
2019 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2019		<u>\$ 524,200.27</u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Fund Balance	\$ 170,000.00	
Tax Commitment	5,172,883.05	
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	393,000.00	
State Revenue Sharing	215,857.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	184,085.42	
General Assistance	10,000.00	
Ambulance Revenue	141,500.00	
Transfer Station	80,000.00	
Recreation	6,000.00	
Administration	62,405.00	
BETE	142,056.14	
Police Revenue	43,747.00	
State Road	50,000.00	
Cable Fee	28,872.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,000.00</u>	
		\$ 6,703,405.61
REQUIREMENTS:		
Appropriations	\$ 2,863,439.00	
Education	3,226,852.84	
County Tax	495,011.83	
TIF Financing	<u>76,427.20</u>	
		6,661,730.87
Overlay		<u>\$ 41,674.74</u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 2019

Cash on Hand		\$ 350.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING:		
Bangor Savings Bank:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	\$ 725,172.61	
Add: Deposits in Transit	25,269.96	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	(48,863.83)	
Balance Per Books		701,578.74
Cash Balance, December 31, 2019		<u><u>\$ 701,928.74</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
2019	\$ 524,200.27	\$ -
2018	2,717.65	494,733.29
2017	658.24	1,401.18
2016	475.61	733.73
2015	492.96	492.96
2014	1,096.95	1,224.53
2013	1,308.28	1,486.50
2012	1,046.36	1,046.36
2011	759.54	759.54
	<u><u>\$ 532,755.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 501,878.09</u></u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
TRUST FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS

TIME DEPOSITS

Bangor Savings - Nichols Trust (Elmwood Cemetery)	\$ 20,838.21
Bangor Savings - Lawrence Trust (Gordon Cemetery)	4,917.28
Bangor Savings Investment Account	828,386.91
Due From General Fund	34,828.39
	<u>\$ 888,970.79</u>

TRUST FUND EQUITY

	PRINCIPAL	UNEXPENDED INCOME
WORTHY POOR FUNDS:		
Trust Funds:		
C. & I. Adams	\$ 3,039.11	\$ 2,498.30
A. Gilmore	1,032.79	1,595.07
N. Merryman	2,030.31	1,702.63
H. Nichols	(487.73)	1,444.47
J. Nichols	90,642.72	86,208.05
Heating Fuel Assistance Funds:		
L. Perry	80,990.56	109,815.92
B. & L. Colcord	258.28	1,097.14
CEMETERY FUNDS:		
Perpetual Care:		
Mount Hope Cemetery	25,230.65	(843.61)
Village Cemetery	47,369.74	20,407.24
Bowdich Cemetery	7,496.65	1,155.58
Elmwood Cemetery	62,548.51	40,151.16
Gordon Cemetery	30,837.96	16,798.65
Evergreen Cemetery	3,868.40	(9,836.29)
Merithew Cemetery	1,628.84	528.66
General Care:		
Evergreen Cemetery	61,645.52	140,098.30
Village Cemetery	1,313.81	12,114.44
Elmwood Cemetery	456.42	1,385.65
D. Nichols	1,508.34	6,655.93
L. Drew	1,005.56	4,437.36
E. Eaton	1,508.36	6,655.91
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,560.18	8,197.38
CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	7,188.97	1,028.90
	<u>\$ 435,673.95</u>	<u>\$ 453,296.84</u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

AMBULANCE FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 3,148.44	
Add: Appropriation	10,000.00	
Interest Earned	90.78	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>13,239.22</u>	\$ 13,239.22

AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 3,542.18	
Add: Appropriation	6,500.00	
Interest Earned	126.11	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>10,168.29</u>	10,168.29

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 53,832.24	
Add: Appropriation	20,000.00	
Interest Earned	709.61	
Less: Expenses Paid	33,458.00	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>41,083.85</u>	41,083.85

ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 21,718.03	
Add: Appropriation	275,000.00	
Interest Earned	167.42	
Miscellaneous Income	1,162.00	
Less: Expenses Paid	251,302.25	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>46,745.20</u>	46,745.20

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 64,105.56	
Add: Appropriation	30,000.00	
Interest Earned	514.56	
Less: Expenses Paid	9,691.17	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>84,928.95</u>	84,928.95

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 22,540.39	
Add: Appropriation	10,000.00	
Interest Earned	244.59	
Less: Expenses Paid	4,855.49	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>27,929.49</u>	27,929.49

POLICE CRUISER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ (4,340.04)	
Add: Appropriation	8,000.00	
Interest Earned	444.81	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>4,104.77</u>	4,104.77

TRANSFER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 210,643.70	
Add: Appropriation	500.00	
Interest Earned	553.70	
Less: Expenses Paid	72,700.00	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>138,997.40</u>	138,997.40

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

WHARF FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 3,189.23	
Add: Appropriation	2,500.00	
Interest Earned	44.68	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>5,733.91</u>	5,733.91

SIDEWALK FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 14,609.07	
Add: Appropriation	1,000.00	
Interest Earned	353.43	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>15,962.50</u>	15,962.50

REVALUATION FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 22,430.04	
Add: Appropriation	1,000.00	
Interest Earned	544.21	
Less: Expenses Paid	22,430.04	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>1,544.21</u>	1,544.21

LIBRARY FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 131.89	
Add: Appropriation	2,000.00	
Interest Earned	263.54	
Miscellaneous Income	450.00	
Less: Expenses Paid	2,105.00	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>740.43</u>	740.43

CEMETERY FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 378.48	
Add: Appropriation	500.00	
Interest Earned	(191.92)	
Less: Expenses Paid	18,100.00	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>(17,413.44)</u>	(17,413.44)

BUILDING FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 36,966.12	
Add: Appropriation	15,000.00	
Interest Earned	555.21	
Less: Expenses Paid	36,636.45	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>15,884.88</u>	15,884.88

COMPUTER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 22.81	
Add: Appropriation	500.00	
Interest Earned	(18.07)	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>504.74</u>	504.74

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

175TH ANNIVERSARY RESERVE:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	4,719.71	
Add: Appropriation		1,500.00	
Interest Earned		36.10	
Miscellaneous Income		12,915.50	
Sale of Property		1,615.50	
Less: Expenses Paid		17,017.64	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019			\$ 3,769.17

TIF RESERVE:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	184,456.29	
Add: Appropriation		26,749.52	
Interest Earned		5,493.09	
Less: Expenses Paid		85,700.02	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019			130,998.88

DRUG FORFEITURE RESERVE:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	5.11	
Add: Interest Earned		30.60	
Miscellaneous Income		283.00	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019			318.71

RETIREMENT RESERVE:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	317,869.24	
Add: Interest Income		9,114.48	
Miscellaneous Income		22,430.04	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2019			349,413.76

PEG VIDEO RESERVE:

Fund Balance January 1, 2019	\$	22,306.67	
Add: Appropriation		3,180.86	
Interest Income		(5.89)	
Less: Expenses Paid		20,662.90	
Fund Balance December 31, 2019			4,818.74
	\$		<u>879,473.66</u>

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	HELP CHILD	REC T-BALL	REC SPONSORS	FIREWORKS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	FLING INTO FALL	KING FOUNDATION SCBA	BOG HILL ROAD	RABIES	EMA	TOTALS
REVENUES:											
Donations	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 86.59	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,761.59
Grants										3,663.98	3,663.98
EXPENDITURES:											
Program Expenses	2,623.41	250.00	1,250.00		58.29	1,358.60					5,540.30
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (1,458.41)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86.59	\$ (58.29)	\$ (1,348.60)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,663.98	\$ 885.27
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):											
Operating Transfers In						7,225.91					7,225.91
Operating Transfers Out										(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (1,458.41)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86.59	\$ (58.29)	\$ 5,877.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,336.02)	\$ 2,111.18
Fund Balance, January 1	3,719.90			2,859.90	1,583.92	(5,877.31)	95.00	149.40	653.48	21,647.87	24,832.16
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 2,261.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,946.49	\$ 1,525.63	\$ -	\$ 95.00	\$ 149.40	\$ 653.48	\$ 19,311.85	\$ 26,943.34

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	2019**	2018**	2017**	2016**
<u>PLD Plan</u>				
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	.06029%	.060290%	.055470%	.039361%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 164,997.00	\$ 164,997.00	\$ 294,729.00	\$ 125,577.00
 Town's Covered-Employee Payroll				
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a				
Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	31.09%	32.43%	64.49%	27.16%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the				
Pension Liability	63.65%	86.71%	(24.07)%	(68.79)%

*Only four years of information available.

** The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
SCHEDULE OF TOWN CONTRIBUTIONS
MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	2018**	2017**	2016**	2015**
PLD Plan				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 39,288.06	\$ 31,992.02	\$ 28,250.38	\$ 20,894.65
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(39,288.06)	(31,992.02)	28,250.38	(20,894.65)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
 Town of Searsport's Covered-Employee Payroll				
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 508,730.76 7.72%	\$ 457,028.86 7.0%	\$ 462,362.32 6.11%	\$ 426,373.65 4.9%

* Only four years of information available.

Warrant Articles

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 3, and March 7, 2020

To: Todd Boisvert, a Constable of Searsport, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Searsport Public Safety Building, 3 Union Street, at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday the third day of March, AD 2020, the One Hundred and Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Town of Searsport, The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the State of Maine and the Two Hundred and Forty Fourth Anniversary of the United States of America, there and then to act upon Articles 1 and 2, AND to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Searsport Town Office/ Union Hall at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, the seventh day of March, AD 2020, there and then to act upon Articles 3 through 39 inclusive.

ARTICLE 1. To choose Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Elect two (2) Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for three (3) year term; (1) Regional School Unit 20 Board Member for a three (3) year term and nine (9) Budget Advisory Committee Members for two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate from 2020 taxes and/or appropriate from general revenues; state or federal grants or subsidies; fund balances; and/or excise taxes for the following municipal accounts for fiscal year 2020.

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>SELECTMEN</i>				
\$8,524	\$8,524			\$ 8,524
	Raise and Appropriate \$8,524			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC 14-0-0	
<i>TOWN MANAGER</i>				
\$101,933	\$96,836	\$5,097		\$98,891
	Raise \$96,936 and Appropriate \$101,933			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>ADMINISTRATION</i>				
\$301,012	\$207,012	\$44,000	\$50,000	\$ 268,654
	Raise \$207,012 and Appropriate \$301,012			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>ASSESSOR</i>				
\$73,245	\$73,245			\$71,651
	Raise and Appropriate \$73,245			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE INTEREST</i>				
\$15,000	\$15,000			\$15,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$15,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENCY</i>				
\$30,000	\$30,000			\$30,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$30,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>INSURANCE/LEGAL</i>				
\$102,000	\$102,000			\$106,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$102,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>TOWN OFFICE</i>				
\$16,700	\$16,700			\$14,930
	Raise and Appropriate \$16,700			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>POLICE DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$384,378	\$346,831	\$37,547		\$349,878
	Raise \$346,831 and Appropriate \$384,378			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>ANIMAL CONTROL</i>				
\$13,000	\$10,000	\$3,000		\$13,000
	Raise \$10,000 and Appropriate \$13,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>SHELLFISH WARDEN</i>				
\$3,450	\$0	\$3,450		\$3,450
	Raise \$0 and Appropriate \$3,450			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$319,787	\$164,787	\$155,000		\$230,781
	Raise \$164,787 and Appropriate \$319,787			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$81,980	\$81,780	\$200		\$81,980
	Raise \$81,780 and Appropriate \$81,980			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS</i>				
\$24,050	\$24,050			\$24,890
	Raise and Appropriate \$24,050			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</i>				
\$13,539	\$7,539	\$6,000		\$13,539
	Raise \$7,539 and Appropriate \$13,539			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>STREET LIGHTS</i>				
\$30,000	\$30,000			\$28,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$30,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>FIRE PROTECTION/HYDRANTS</i>				
\$213,084	\$213,084			\$213,084
	Raise and Appropriate \$213,084			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$477,332	\$ 177,332		\$300,000	\$467,561
	Raise \$177,332 and Appropriate \$477,332			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HARBORMASTER</i>				
\$19,100	\$13,100	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$19,100
	Raise \$13,100 and Appropriate \$19,100			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>TRANSFER STATION</i>				
\$105,040	\$25,040	\$80,000		\$104,040
	Raise \$25,040 and Appropriate \$105,040			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PHYSICAL PLANT</i>				
\$19,650	\$19,650			\$19,650
	Raise and Appropriate \$19,650			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>SEPTAGE DISPOSAL</i>				
\$2,000	\$2,000			\$2,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$2,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</i>				
\$35,670	\$25,670	\$10,000		\$25,000
	Raise \$25,670 and Appropriate \$35,670			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>RECREATION</i>				
\$46,484	\$40,484	\$6,000		\$29,750
	Raise \$40,484 and Appropriate \$46,484			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY</i>				
\$103,977	\$103,977			\$100,102
	Raise and Appropriate \$103,977			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>PLANNING BOARD</i>				
\$4,800	\$2,800	\$2,000		\$4,800
	Raise \$2,800 and Appropriate \$4,800			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 13-1-1	
<i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>				
\$600	\$600			\$600
	Raise and Appropriate \$600			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</i>				
\$31,928	\$26,928	\$5,000		\$31,928
	Raise \$26,928 and Appropriate \$31,928			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>BOARD OF APPEALS</i>				
\$100	\$100			\$100
	Raise and Appropriate \$100			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICER</i>				
\$969	\$969			\$969
	Raise and Appropriate \$969			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>MOSMAN PARK</i>				
\$3,000	\$3,000			\$3,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$3,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HOLIDAY/SPECIAL EVENTS</i>				
\$4,000	\$4,000			\$4,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$4,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HOLIDAY DECORATIONS</i>				
\$300	\$300			\$300
	Raise and Appropriate \$300			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</i>				
\$750	\$750			\$750
	Raise and Appropriate \$750			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>VIDEO SYSTEM</i>				
\$32,052		\$32,052		\$28,867
	Raise \$0 and Appropriate \$32,052			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS- ROAD BOOK/G.I.S.</i>				
\$4,000	\$4,000			\$4,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$4,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>**AMBULANCE RESERVE**</i>				
\$20,000	\$ 0	\$20,000		\$10,000
	Raise \$ 0 and Appropriate \$20,000			
		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>**AMBULANCE RESERVE**</i>				
\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000		\$10,000
		Selectmen: 4-0-0		
The Board of Selectmen decided to increase and vote on this reserve account after the BAC completed work.				
<i>PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$20,000	\$20,000			\$20,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$20,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE</i>				
\$275,000	\$175,000	\$48,000	\$52,000	\$275,000
Raise \$175,000 and Appropriate \$275,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$35,000	\$35,000			\$30,000
Raise and Appropriate \$35,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING REPAIR</i>				
\$5,000	\$5,000			\$10,000
Raise and Appropriate \$5,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>POLICE CRUISER RESERVE</i>				
\$8,000	\$8,000			\$8,000
Raise and Appropriate \$8,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>WHARF REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500
Raise and Appropriate \$2,500				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$1,000	\$1,000			\$1,000
Raise and Appropriate \$1,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE</i>				
\$1,000	\$1,000			\$1,000
Raise and Appropriate \$1,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE</i>				
\$25,000	\$25,000			\$2,000
Raise and Appropriate \$ 25,000				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		
<i>CEMETERY EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$500	\$500			\$500
Raise and Appropriate \$500				
Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0		

2020 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2019 Appropriated
<i>BUILDING REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$15,000	\$15,000			\$15,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$15,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>TOWN HALL COMPUTER RESERVE</i>				
\$10,000	\$10,000			\$500
	Raise and Appropriate \$10,000			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>TRANSFER STATION RESERVE</i>				
\$100	\$100			\$500
	Raise and Appropriate \$100			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$4,000		\$4,000		\$6,500
	Raise 0 and Appropriate \$6,500			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>175th ANNIVERSARY RESERVE</i>				
\$1,500	\$1,500			\$ 1,500
	Raise and Appropriate \$1,500			
	Selectmen: 4-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021 to the completion of the 2021 Town Meeting, except those costs associated with the Public Works winter road maintenance program which may, if necessary, exceed this amount.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept and pay no interest on prepaid taxes not yet due or assessed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to determine when the 2020 taxes shall be due and payable.
RECOMMENDED DUE DATE: September 3, 2020

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at **5%** for the fiscal year 2020. The maximum State rate is 7% and we are recommending the minimum rate allowable at 5%.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on the 2020 taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date. If so, what rate of interest and what due date?

**RECOMMENDED: 5% Annual (.417 Monthly) interest starting
October 8, 2020.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for the following purposes: (NOTE: “major” is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget).

Ambulance Reserve – purchase of a vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicles.

Public Works Equipment Reserve – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

Road Maintenance Reserve – costs associated with the rebuilding, resurfacing and major repair of Town Roads and shoulders.

Fire Department Equipment Reserve – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

Public Safety Buildings Reserve – major repair/renovation of or upgrade to the Town Public Safety Building and North Fire Station.

Police Cruiser Reserve – purchase of vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicle(s).

Wastewater System Reserve – addition to or repair/replacement of the wastewater system structures, equipment, sewer lines, or anything appurtenant thereto.

Dredging Reserve – dredging of Searsport Harbor or harbor related projects.

Transfer Station Reserve – purchase or repair of disposal related vehicles, equipment, or structures; costs associated with any reconfiguration of the Transfer Station site, or relocation to a different site if required; and any other costs associated with bringing the site into compliance with Town/State/Federal regulations.

Wharf Repair Reserve – major repairs/replacement of the Town Wharf, floats, or portions thereof.

Sidewalk Repair Reserve – major rebuilding/extension or resurfacing of Town sidewalks.

Property Revaluation Reserve – costs associated with the revaluation of real and personal property within the Town.

Library Capital Repair Reserve – major repairs/renovation of the Carver Memorial Library.

Cemetery Equipment Reserve – purchase of capital equipment or major repairs to existing equipment.

Building Repair Reserve – major repair/renovation of Town buildings.

Computer Capital Reserve – purchase or upgrade of Town computer equipment, peripherals and software necessary to Town operation.

Economic Development Reserve – for Economic Development projects and to print a business and visitors guide as needed.

TIF Revenue Reserve – Tax Increment Financing revenue to be used on approved Economic Development projects for the Town.

Police Personnel Reserve – for purpose of depositing funds refunded to the Town when a trained officer leaves Searsport to take a position with another department. These funds are only to be used for the purpose of training and equipping replacement officers as needed.

Ambulance Equipment Reserve – for the purpose of depositing funds to buy specialized equipment for the Ambulance Department.

175th Celebration Reserve – to support activities related to the celebration of our 175th Anniversary in 2020.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of surplus equipment or vehicles, crediting the respective department reserve with any proceeds.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property, not otherwise addressed in Article 10, with a sale value of \$3,000 or less, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem advisable.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for necessary services, as appropriated, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the Selectmen's Contingency Account to meet unbudgeted, necessary expenses, or to meet an unexpected need for additional money to fund an expenditure previously authorized.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town of Searsport will appropriate up to \$ 80,780.00 from the 2020 Imery's Clay (formerly PPSA-OV) tax revenue to fulfill the year fifteen (15) requirement of the Town of Searsport's Credit Enhancement Contract with Imery's Clay (formerly PPSA-OV) for Tax Increment Financing to the following: Sixty-five percent of the amount will be returned to Imery's Clay formerly PPSA-OV and thirty-five percent will be placed in the Town of Searsport TIF Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Searsport will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the money drawn down in 2012 from Maine State Retirement to purchase the Searsport Lions Club buildings at 42 & 44 Prospect Street. These buildings would remain community buildings for the Town of Searsport. The main building would continue to be a rental property with proceeds used to offset maintenance and building cost with any excess funds to go to recreation. The amount requested for the purchase, improvements and first year's operation is \$155,000. The reserve account currently has \$402,401.64 dollars in it. The proposed Budget for the first year is as follows:

Purchase the Building- \$120,000.00

First Year's Operations- \$10,000.00 without revenue offset calculated

Improvements - \$25,000.00

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Searsport Historical Society for the continued restoration and maintenance of the Crary/Carlin/Coleman house.

2019 Appropriation: **\$2,000**

2020 Request: **\$2,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 3-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Waldo Community Action Partners.

2019 Appropriation: **\$22,319**

2020 Request: **\$20,492**

Selectmen recommend: **\$15,000** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$20,492** vote: 11-0-2

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support New Hope for Women.

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,391**

2020 Request: **\$1,325**

Selectmen recommend: **\$1,325** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$ 1,325** vote: 12-0-1

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Sexual Assault Support Service.

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,000**

2020 Request: **\$1,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$1000** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$ 1,000** vote: 11-2-0

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Waldo County YMCA.

2019 Appropriation: **\$2,000**

2020 Request: **\$2,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the recommended amount, to help support the Life Flight Foundation.

2019 Appropriation: **\$655**

2020 Request: **\$654**

Selectmen recommend: **\$654** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$ 654** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Spectrum Generation.

2019 Appropriation: **\$800**

2020 Request: **\$800**

Selectmen recommend: **\$800** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$800** vote: 12-1-0

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County.

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,500**

2020 Request: **\$1,500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$1,500** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$1,500** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Searsport Beautification.

2019 Appropriation: **\$500**

2020 Request: **\$500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$500** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$500** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Swan Lake Association.

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,000**

2020 Request: **\$1,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$1,000** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$500** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Maine Youth Alliance (New Strategies for Youth) (Game Loft).

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,000**

2020 Request: **\$1,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$500** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$500** vote: 11-1-1

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Friends of Sears Island.

2019 Appropriation: **\$2,000**

2020 Request: **\$2,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$2,000** vote: 8-5-0

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Waldo County Woodshed.

2019 Appropriation: **\$1,000**

2020 Request: **\$1,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$500** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$500** vote: 9-4-0

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Head of the Searsport Congregational Church Missions Committee.

2019 Appropriation: **\$0**

2020 Request: **\$7,500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$7,500** vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: **\$7,499** vote: 8-3-2

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Health Equity Alliance.

2019 Appropriation: **\$0**

Selectmen recommend: **\$500** vote: 4-0-0

2020 Request: **\$500**

BAC recommend: **\$500** vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate up to \$50,000.00 dollars from surplus to fund items within the 2020 municipal budget that would otherwise be raised by taxes.

Selectmen recommend: \$ 25,000.00 from Surplus Vote: 4-0-0

BAC recommend: \$25,000.00 from Surplus Vote: 13-0-0

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen adopt a policy placing a cap on the amount of Town funds available for out of house accounts at 1% of the Municipal operating budget of the previous budget year that the funds are requested.

Example: 1% of the 2020 budget would make \$28,923 available in 2021.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will adopt the 2018-2027 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Searsport.

A copy of the plan is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will amend the Land Use Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.

A copy of the ordinance changes are available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Solar Energy System Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.

A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Mobile Home Park Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.

A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will amend the Budget Advisory Committee Ordinance for the Town of Searsport. The changes are as follows:

Remove the following sentence: The secretary shall be a voting member of the committee.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will adopt a “Marijuana Ordinance” for the Town of Searsport.

A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the town office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following street names as changes and or additions to the Town of Searsport Name List.

Private lane off Route One between Turnpike Road and the Town Line. – Evergreen Drive.

The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 8:00 A.M. in the morning and will close at 8:00 P.M. in the evening of March 3, 2020 at the Public Safety Building at 3 Union Street, Searsport, ME.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, the 18th day of February, 2020.


Richard Desmarais, Chairman


Doug Norman, Vice Chair


Mark Bradstreet


Linda Payson